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TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 583-585 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS, LITTLE and O'BRIEN—4.

The minutes of the meeting held December 27, 1898, were amended on page 578, seventh line, by striking out "67" and inserting "167."

The minutes of the meeting held December 27, 1898, as printed and amended, were then approved.

Public School 1.—From Henry J. Heidenis, Principal, requesting that the Kindergarten room, not in use, be fitted up for one of the classes of the Primary grades (Minutes, pp. 527, 528, 542, 551, 559 and 569).

A report was received from the Committee on Studies recommending that the request of Mr. Heidenis be not granted.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the whole subject be referred to the Borough Superintendent for report.

Adopted.

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Public School 7 and New Public School 20.—From Mrs. M. G. Van Renssalear, President of the Public Education Association, for permission to use four classrooms and the indoor playgrounds in these schools on Saturday nights, between 8 and 10 o'clock and the indoor playgrounds on Wednesday nights, between 7 and 10 o'clock (Minutes, pp. 546, 553, 556 and 569).

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that Mrs. Van Renssalear be invited to be present at the next session of the Committee.

Adopted.

Public School 77.—From the Inspectors of the Twenty-fourth District, reporting the Janitor as being remiss in the discharge of his duties (Minutes, pp. 548, 554, 560 and 570).

Awaiting a report from the Inspectors making a specific complaint.

Public School 15.—Offer of Falk Rhonheimer to rent the parlor floor of the premises No. 722 Fifth street, adjoining the school (Minutes, pp. 558 and 572).

Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan, submitted a report showing the premises suitable for school purposes.

Mr. LITTLE moved that the School Board request the Board of Education to rent the parlor in question, provided it can be secured at a reasonable rental.

Adopted.

Analysis of the report of the Inspectors of the Sixth District.

Laid over.

Outdoor Recreation League.—With reference to continuing the recreation schools on Saturdays, also to establish reading rooms in the evenings (Minutes, pp. 528, 535, 542, 552, 559, 573–576).

Laid over, to await the report from the Borough Superintendent, as to the propriety of permitting the use of school buildings for purposes other than those connected directly with the school system.

Public School 52.—From Theodore B. Barringer, Principal, making a complaint against the Janitrix (Minutes, p. 577).

Ordered, That Mr. Barringer be notified to attend the next meeting of this committee.

Public School 167.—Consideration of the resolution of the Committee on High Schools, found in the Journal of the School Board, pp. 1599 and 1600, and adopted December 30, 1898, with reference to fitting up fifteen classes in P. S. 167, for use as an annex to the Mixed High School.

The Superintendent of School Buildings was present and stated that the matter was being attended to.

Public School 153.—Mr. LITTLE moved that the salary of Janitor of P. S. 153 be fixed at $2,002 per annum, which includes a rent allowance of $299 per annum, it being the sum prescribed by the By-Laws, taking effect on January 1, 1899.

Adopted.

Public School 11.—Complaint of a Patrol Inspector against the Janitor for violating the By-Laws prescribing the rules for the government of janitors.

Ordered, That Mr. Campbell, the Janitor, be summoned before the committee at its next meeting.

Public School 67.—Mr. F. J. Coleman, Principal, and Mr. Chas. H. J. Douglass, in charge of the Annex to the High School, appeared before the committee and made complaint against Mr. James Gonnoud, the Janitor, for neglect of duty and violation of the By-Laws prescribing the duties of Janitors.

The CHAIRMAN stated that Mr. Gonnoud had been personally notified by Inspector Cameron to be present at this meeting, but that he had failed to appear.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that inasmuch as Mr. Gonnoud had failed to appear before this committee after having been personally notified, he be suspended from duty, without pay, and that he be notified that if he desires a hearing he will be heard at the meeting of this committee to be held January 9th.

Adopted.

Mr. EUSTIS moved to recommend to the School Board the transfer, temporarily, of the following-named janitors:

School.	Name.	Transferred from.
P. S. 4.	Philip Schupbach.	P. S. 160.
P. S. 67.	William T. Bishop.	P. S. 4.

Adopted.

Public School 103.—From Edward A. Page, Principal, asking that slate blackboards be substituted in the Chemical Classrooms for those made of wood, coated with silicate.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings for report.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, met at the Annex of the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 585-587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS, LIVINGSTON and O'BRIEN—4.

Mr. STERNE was excused for absence from this session.

The minutes of the meeting held January 3d, 1899, as printed, were approved.

New Public School 1.—Consideration of the matter of fitting up the Kindergarten room in New P. S. 1, for a class of a primary grade (Minutes, pp. 527, 528, 542, 551, 559, 569, of 1898 and page 3 of 1899).

The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, reported with reference to the room under consideration:

"I would say that it can be fitted up with from 60 to 65 seats for children of the lowest primary grade. In the Male Department there were on December 31st, no less than 236 pupils of this grade who are receiving instruction in part-time classes. The number of pupils debarred from receiving full instruction would be reduced more than one-half by the introduction of primary furniture. The average register of the kindergarten classes does not exceed thirty. I desire to call your attention to the additional fact, that, at the time it was resolved to set apart a large classroom in

P. S. 1, for the use of a kindergarten with a very limited number of pupils, there were very nearly 700 pupils in neighboring schools receiving but partial instruction."

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the Committee on Studies be notified that this committee disagrees with said Committee in its opinion, that the vacant room in new P. S. 1 should not be fitted up for the use of primary pupils, but that it should be fitted up as a kindergarten, for the reason that so many primary children are in need of school accommodation, and as the room in question can be fitted up for the accommodation of from 60 to 65 children of the lowest primary grade, the primary children should be first provided for.

Adopted.

Old Public School 1.—From the Committee on Studies, recommending the establishment of a kindergarten in old Public School 1.

The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, recommended the establishment of a kindergarten class in this school.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that a room be fitted up in old P. S. 1 for a kindergarten.

Adopted.

Public School 7 and New Public School 20.—With reference to being granted permission to use four class rooms and indoor playgrounds of these schools, on Saturday nights, between 8 and 10 o'clock, and the indoor playgrounds on Wednesday nights between 7 and 10 o'clock (Minutes 1898, pp. 546, 553, 556, 569, and page 4 of 1899), for the benefit of clubs.

Miss Bock, representing Mrs. Van Renssalear, was present and heard.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the Association be requested to furnish the Committee with a statement of the rules under which these clubs are managed, the responsible authority for the care and protection of the school property, and such other information bearing on the organization of the clubs in question, as they may desire to submit.

Adopted.

Public School 77.—From the Inspectors, making a complaint against the janitor as being remiss in his duties (Minutes 1898, pp. 548, 554, 560, 570, and page 4 of 1899).

Waiting for the Inspector to make a specific complaint.

Analysis of the Quarterly Report of the Inspectors of the Sixth District.

Referred to Mr. ROBINSON, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, for report.

Outdoor Recreation League.—With reference to continuing the recreation schools on Saturdays; also to establish reading rooms in the evenings (Minutes, 1898, pp. 528, 535, 542, 552, 559, 573–576, and page 5 of 1899).

The following report was received from the Borough Superintendent:

New York, *January* 9, 1899.

To the Committee on Buildings:

In relation to "the propriety of permitting the use of the school buildings for purposes other than those directly connected with the school system," I would say the question may present

itself under two different conditions; under one of these the answer would be in the affirmative, while under the other the answer would be in the negative.

The Board of School Superintendents adopted the following resolution, in which I concur:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Board of Superintendents that the schoolhouses may well be used in the cause of education as neighborhood centers, providing reading rooms, branch offices of public libraries, etc., under the charge of custodians, under such restrictions and rules and regulations as the Board of Education may establish.

A careful reading of the terms of the resolution will indicate that the use of the school buildings for the purposes indicated presupposes the appointment of custodians for the special occasions, and, also, the preparation of a system of general rules and regulations.

It should be evident that the care of the school buildings, when in use, should be under the control of persons directly responsible to the School Board.

The money to be used for purposes apart from the direct work of the schools should be obtained by special appropriation and should not be taken from what is generally recognized as school fund. Hence, the money for the custodians, and for all other expenses incurred, should be provided before the school property is devoted to the extra uses.

In case a supply of funds become available, it is important that great care should be exercised in framing the governing rules, for nothing should be permitted that would interfere with the work of the school, more especially with the work of the janitor in the way of cleaning and ventilating.

Furthermore, the resolution quoted above was intended for the benefit of the older people and was never adopted with the idea that it should afford young people an excuse for staying away from home at night.

I deem it my duty to call attention to the fact that during term time Saturday is a most important day for janitors' work, and I would suggest that no use of a school on Saturdays be permitted, at least before a general system has been inaugurated.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,

Borough Superintendent.

Ordered, That the consideration of said report be laid over.

Public School 11.—Complaint of Patrol Inspector DeWitt, against the Janitor, for neglect of duty.

Mr. Campbell, the Janitor, was present and heard.

After hearing all the evidence—on motion of Mr. O'BRIEN, the Janitor was exonerated from the charges in question.

Public School 67.—Consideration of the complaint against Mr. James Gonnoud, Janitor, who was suspended at the last session of the Committee (Minutes, 1899, page 6), and was notified to appear before the Committee, if he so desired, at this session, and defend himself against charges made by the Inspector, the Principal of the School, and Acting Principal of the Boys' High School (Minutes, page 6).

Mr. Gonnoud was present, and acknowledged that he had violated a number of the By-Laws regulating the duties of Janitors.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the suspension of Mr. Gonnoud, from duty, without pay, be continued until the next session of the School Board, and that this Committee recommend to said Board that Mr. James Gonnoud be removed from his position.

Adopted.

Public School 110.—The resignation of John R. Metzgar, Janitor, was announced, taking effect on January 8, 1899.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that said resignation be accepted.

Adopted.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the Chairman prepare a by-law for presentation to the Board, to the effect that a janitor contemplating resigning his office must give this Committee at least ten days' notice of the fact, under penalty of having his salary for ten days deducted.

Adopted.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that Mr. George W. Christian, Janitor in charge of P. S. 34, be instructed to take temporary charge of P. S. 110.

Adopted.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that this Committee recommend to the School Board, the urgent necessity of prompt action by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, in the matter of confirming leases of premises for school purposes.

Adopted.

Public School 10.—From Mr. E. R. Birkins, Principal, to have the gymnasium of the school divided, by means of temporary screens, and fitted up for the use of three classes of sixty pupils each; the screens to be so arranged that the rooms may be thrown into one when necessary, and the apparatus in the gymnasium to remain undisturbed.

The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, recommended that the changes be made at once.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the recommendation of the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, be adopted.

Adopted.

Public School 135.—From Mrs. Emma H. Alling, Principal, recommending that room No. 9, on the second floor, now used for Kindergarten purposes, be fitted up with seats and desks for first year pupils.

The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, presented a report, concurring in the views of Dr. Shimer, Associate Borough Superintendent, recommending the consolidation of the six Kindergarten classrooms, in order to release room No. 9 for first year pupils.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the recommendation be approved.

Adopted.

New Public School 42.—From the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, recommending, in accordance with the recommendations of the President, that in this school there be placed in the classrooms to be occupied by pupils of the first three years, sixty-five (65) seats, and in the rooms to be occupied by pupils of the last four years, sixty (60) seats, provided, however, the placing of this number of seats does not interfere with the safety of the pupils at dismissal.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved to recommend to the School Board that the recommendation be adopted, and a suspension of the by-laws for the purpose.

Adopted.

Public School 103.—From Mr. Edward A. Page, Principal, asking that slate blackboards be substituted in the chemical classrooms. (Minutes, page 7.)

Laid over, to await report of the Superintendent of School Buildings.

From the Williamsbridge Improvement League, relative to the condition of the schools in said district; also, with reference to sites.

Referred to the Chairman.

Public School 52.—From Theodore B. Barringer, Principal, complaint against the Janitrix.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the complaint be placed on file.

Adopted.

Public School 42.—From the Superintendent of School Buildings, submitting copy of a notice served upon Mr. Louis Fricke, Janitor, to the effect that a licensed engineer was not in charge of the boilers.

Mr. Fricke was present, and stated that a licensed engineer was in charge of the boilers in P. S. 42.

The communication was placed on file.

Arthur McMullin,
Secretary.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 585-587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. LIVINGSTON, O'BRIEN and STERNE—4.

The Minutes of the meeting held January 9, 1899, as printed, were approved.

Public School 7 and New Public School 20.—With reference to granting the Public Education Association permission to use four classrooms and indoor playgrounds of these schools, on Saturday nights, between 8 and 10 o'clock, and the indoor playgrounds on Wednesday nights between 7 and 10 o'clock (Minutes 1898, pp. 546, 553, 556, 569 and p. 4 of 1899), for the benefit of clubs.

Laid over to await a report from the Association, as requested January 9th (Journal, p. 11).

Public School 77.—From the Inspectors reporting the janitor as being remiss in his duties (Minutes 1898, pp. 548, 554, 560, 570, and pp. 4 and 11, 1899).

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that, inasmuch as the Inspectors had failed to make a specific complaint as requested, the item be dropped from the calendar.

Adopted.

The Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson, presented the following report on various subjects referred to in the quarterly reports of the Inspectors of the Sixth and Twenty-eighth Districts:

NEW YORK, *January* 16, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: I respectfully submit herewith report upon the analysis of the Quarterly Reports of the Board of Inspectors of the Sixth and Twenty-eighth Districts:

SIXTH DISTRICT.

P. S. 34—1. With regard to the request that the lots in the rear of this school be enclosed, permit me to report that a contract for the improvement of said lots has been made and will shortly be carried out.

2. With regard to the re-leasing of the Willett Street Church, it has hitherto been advised against on account of its unsuitability for school purposes, and in view of the almost completed condition of Public School 160, which, upon its completion, will relieve the pressure in this neighborhood, it seems inadvisable to re-lease said church.

P. S. 110—3. The acquiring of the lots at the northeast corner of Broome and Cannon streets here spoken of, has been approved, and the matter is now in the hands of the Corporation Counsel for condemnation proceedings.

P. S. 160—4. There is a room measuring 10x14 feet upon the third floor intended for a teachers' room, but which might be diverted to the use of the Inspectors of this district. There is, however, no other room in Public School 160, excepting upon fifth floor, which is probably too difficult of access to be available. A suitable room, however, can be provided in Public School 34 on the first story—the present library, which is quite available for the Inspectors' meetings.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

P. S. 142— The carriageway here alluded to does not belong to the school premises and is not under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education; it is only possible to have it paved by the action of the Department of Health, as the owner has frequently been requested to pave it and has not done so.

The Department of Health has been communicated with regarding this matter.

P. S. 121— The lots in the rear of this school have been referred to the Corporation Counsel for condemnation proceedings.

As soon as the title to said lots shall have been acquired, the doors through the fence wall of the yard will be made, but until that is done it is unadvisable to cut openings in the wall.

Respectfully,

J. B. ROBINSON,
Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

Mr. King, Inspector for the Sixth District, was present and submitted a communication from the Board of Inspectors, recommending the rehiring of the premises in the Willett Street M. E. Church, occupied as an annex to P. S. 34, the lease of which will expire on February 25, and stated that by placing electric lights in the church at an expense of about $300 would, in his opinion, make the premises tenantable and probably, if such lights were placed, the Borough Superintendent would withdraw his objection to their use.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the entire matter be referred to the Borough Superintendent.

Adopted.

The matter of providing a room for the meetings of the Inspectors of the Sixth District, was referred to the Borough Superintendent.

The CLERK was instructed to notify the Inspectors of the action taken.

Outdoor Recreation League.—With reference to continuing the recreation schools on Saturdays; also to establish rooms in the evenings (Minutes 1898, pp. 528, 535, 542, 552, 559, 573-576, pp. 5, 11-13 of 1899).

Ordered, That the consideration of said report be laid over.

Communication from the Patriotic League, with reference to opening a school building two afternoons or evenings each week for the purpose of admitting children for recreative occupations, under the direction of the school authorities.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the clerk notify the League, that this communication will be considered in connection with several other communications of a similar nature, the whole subject of authorizing the use of the school buildings for purposes other than those directly connected with the school system being under consideration.

Adopted.

Public School 103.—From Edward A. Page, Principal, requesting that slate blackboards be substituted in the chemical classroom, for those now in use (Minutes, pp. 7 and 16).

Laid over, to await a report from the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Williamsbridge Improvement League.—With reference to disposing of the site at Elliott avenue and Julianna street, and discontinuing condemnation proceedings, and that a site, of not less than half an acre, be purchased on higher ground, south of the present site, and the erection thereon of a Primary School.

Representatives of the League were present and heard on all matters referred to in their communication.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the Superintendent of School Buildings be requested to meet a Committee of the League at Williamsbridge, and report to this Committee his opinion as to the advisability of abandoning condemnation proceedings in the matter of acquiring title to the property corner Elliott avenue and Julianna street.

Adopted.

From Mr. Geo. W. Brettell, renewing his offer to rent the premises No. 218 East One hundred and twenty-fifth street for school purposes.

Referred to Mr. Sterne.

Public School 19.—From the Committee on Studies, enclosing a communication from the Principal, Mr. Taylor, approved by the Borough Superintendent, and Miss Requa, Supervisor of Physical Education, and approved by said Committee, recommending that the Gymnasium in the department be fitted up.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the Borough Superintendent be requested to report to this Committee his opinion, as to whether, in case the request is granted, it will displace children who are now in the school, or will deprive children of school accommodation in the future.

Adopted.

Annex Public School 85.—From the Clerk of the Vestry of St. Mary's P. E. Church, enclosing a communication from the Inspectors of the Thirty-second School District, recommending that the lease of the church premises be renewed for six months, the lease of the premises expiring on February 1, 1899.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent for report.

Public School 81.—Bill of William J. Oliver for services as acting Janitor for the month of December, 1898, amounting to $153—the amount prescribed in the by-laws.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved to recommend to the School Board that the bill be paid.

Adopted.

Public School 77.—Charges preferred by officers in the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, against the janitor, of permitting school material to be removed from the building, without the proper order from the department, as provided in sub-division 30 of the by-laws regulating the duties of Janitors.

Mr. Edward Cassin, janitor, was present and heard.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the further consideration of the matter be laid over, and in the mean time Inspector DeLamater and the truckman, Mr. Morris, be notified to appear before the Committee at its next meeting.

Adopted.

New Public School 1.—From the City Superintendent, submitted through the Superintendent of School Buildings, asking

permission to hold an examination in New P. S. 1, on January 21, 1899, using the third story assembly room.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the request be granted, and the janitor of the school notified to have everything in readiness.

Adopted.

Public School 96.—A communication was received from the Superintendent of School Buildings, in which it is stated that Dr. Requa, Supervisor of Physical Education, asks that the partition which encloses space formerly used as classrooms on south side of gymnasium, fifth floor, placed there when the school had three departments, be removed, in order to afford more room in the gymnasium.

Referred to Mr. Livingston.

Boys' High School Annex.—From John T. Buchanan, Principal, recommending the renting of the Half Orphan Asylum building on Tenth street near Sixth avenue.

The Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson, submitted a report, stating the rental asked, $7,000 per year, and the cost of adapting it to school purposes, would be as follows:

General Alterations, . .	$12,000
Heating Apparatus, . .	8,500
Sanitary Improvements, .	1,000
	$21 500

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the recommendation be rejected, the fund apportioned for altering, fitting up, etc., annexes for High School not being sufficient to meet the expense.

Adopted.

Public School 77.—From Miss Julia Richman, Principal, making application to have a blackboard placed in room 3, of light tinted porcelain or stone.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings for report.

The CHAIRMAN submitted, in compliance with action of the Committee taken January 9th, Minutes, p. 14, the following proposed amendment to Section 46 of the by-laws:

Add a new sub-division:

"47.—Any janitor, contemplating resigning his position as such, must give the Committee on Sites and Buildings at least ten days' notice of his intention to so resign, under a penalty, for a failure to comply with this by-law, of a deduction of ten days' pay from his salary."

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the proposed amendment be approved, and submitted to the School Board.

Adopted.

Public School 75.—Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that a report be presented to the School Board, requesting the Board of Education to ask the Corporation Counsel to use every effort to expedite the proceedings for the acquisition of the following-named sites adjoining the School:

Nos. 34, 36 and 38 Essex street,
No. 29 Norfolk street.

Adopted.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved to recommend the transfer of the following-named janitors, provided the School Board adopt this Committee's report, suspending and removing Mr. James Gounoud, Janitor of P. S. 67:

Philip J. Weindecker, from P. S. 26 to P. S. 67.
William T. Bishop, from P. S. 67 to P. S. 4.
Philip Schupbach, from P. S. 4 to P. S. 160.
John S. Gross, from P. S. 44 to P. S. 26, to take effect on January 21, 1899.

Adopted.

Public School 110.—The CHAIRMAN stated that John R. Metzgar, Janitor, who resigned his position (Minutes, January 9th, page 4), had failed to accept the new position in the public service to which he had been selected, and that he had immediately reinstated him in his position.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the action of the Committee in accepting Mr. Metzgar's resignation be rescinded, and that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

Annexes for High Schools.—Mr. C. M. Morgan, Acting Chief Inspector of Repairs, reported on the matter of providing additional accommodations for High School classes.

Nos. 65 and 67 Fourth avenue, between Ninth and Tenth streets, the second and third floors, and half of the fourth floor, are offered at a yearly rental of $2,000 for each floor; 48′x80′8″, fire proof building; rental price includes heat only; janitors attendance and electric light an additional charge; it would cost about $800 to divide up these floors into ten classrooms.

University Building, at Washington Square and Waverly Place, eighth floor, containing about 15,000 square feet, is offered

for Boy's High School Annex; rental price $8,000; fire proof building; floor measurement 175′ 8″ x 87′ 3″; ceiling 11½ feet; classrooms could be formed at a cost of about $5,000, to accommodate 850 to 900 pupils, with teachers' rooms, wardrobes, etc.; the two upper stories, the ninth and tenth, are occupied by the University of New York Law School; two elevators and two sets of fire proof stairs give access to the floor.

Southwest corner Greene Street and Washington Place.—Offered for rent at $2,000 per year; fireproof building, has two fireproof stairways and three elevators; it will cost about $3,500 to erect partitions to divide the space into seven classrooms, teachers' store rooms and wardrobes.

Nos. 244 and 246 East Fifty-second street.—Have been offered several times for use as annexes to public schools, but rejected; this property has the advantage of being equipped and furnished, at present, ready for occupancy; is a three-story basement and cellar building; would accommodate 400 pupils; the owner last fall offered to rent for $3,000 per annum and make the necessary repairs; there is a yard at the rear 30x50 feet, and there are ten closets in the basement.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the following offers be rejected, the same not being suitable for the purposes of use as annexes to a High School:

Nos. 65 and 67 Fourth avenue, Southwest corner Greene and Washington streets, and the University Building.

Adopted.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the matter of renting the premises Nos. 244 and 246 East Fifty-second street, be referred to Mr.

Robinson, Deputy Superintendent School Buildings, Borough of Manhattan, to ascertain and report the probable cost to make the necessary repairs to the premises in question.

Adopted.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, JANUARY ~~18,~~ 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 585–587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS, LIVINGSTON, O'BRIEN and STERNE—5.

The Minutes of the meeting held January 16, 1899, were amended on page 25, in the item "Public School 110" by striking out the name "Metzgar" and inserting the name "Metzger."

The Minutes of the meeting held January 16th, as printed and amended, were then approved.

Public School 7 and New Public School 20.—With reference to granting the Public Education Association permission to use classrooms and indoor playgrounds on certain nights. (Minutes, 1898, pp. 546, 555, 556, 569, and pp. 4 and 17 of 1899.)

Laid over to await a report from the Association, as requested January 9th. (Journal, p. 11.)

Outdoor Recreation League.—With reference to continuing the recreation schools on Saturdays; also to establish reading rooms in the evenings. (Minutes, 1898, pp. 528, 535, 542, 552, 559, 573-576, and pp. 5, 11–13 and 20 of 1899.)

The consideration of said communication was laid over.

Patriotic League.—With reference to opening a school building two afternoons or evenings each week, for the purpose of admitting children for recreative occupations, under the direction of the school authorities.

Laid over.

Annex Public School 34.—From the Inspectors of the Sixth School District, recommending a renewal of the lease of the premises occupied in the Willett Street M. E. Church. (Minutes, p. 19.)

Laid over for receipt of a report from the Borough Superintendent.

Consideration of the request of the Inspectors of the Sixth District, that a room be set aside for said Board, for meetings of the Inspectors. (Minutes, p. 20.)

Laid over, for receipt of a report from the Borough Superintendent.

Public School 103.—From Edward A. Page, Principal, requesting that slate blackboards be substituted in the chemical classrooms for those now in use. (Minutes, p. 20.)

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported:

"The difficulty can be remedied by putting in two slate blackboards, set in a frame complete, in the small alcove behind the teacher's desk, which would permit the use of the windows now closed by the silicate blackboards. I do not believe, however, that the artificial silicate blackboards should be condemned upon the experience with the two in question."

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson, be instructed to cause the two blackboards referred to in the report, to be supplied.

Adopted.

Williamsbridge Improvement League.—Recommending the discontinuance of condemnation proceedings on the site at Elliott Avenue and Julianna Street, and that a site, of not less than half an acre, be purchased on higher ground, south of the present site, and the erection thereon of a Primary School. (Minutes, p. 21.)

The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *January* 23, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with your request I have made an examination of the site at the corner of Juliana street and Elliott avenue, Borough of The Bronx, and find the ground to be natural soil, well drained, without any undue amount of moisture and low, only in a relative term, as White Plains avenue at the back of the block, to the eastward, has its highest rise immediately in the rear of this property.

In this connection I would say that I was informed by the foreman in charge of the sewer which is now being put in at the corner of Juliana street and White Plains avenue that it calls for a depth of 26 feet; this being the crown, it can be for no other reason than that it is proposed at some future time to lower the grade at the corner of the street and avenue.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

Ordered, That said report be printed in full in the Minutes.

Offer of Geo. W. Brettell to rent the premises No. 218 East One hundred and twenty-fifth street for school purposes. (Minutes, p. 21.)

Mr. STERNE reported that the property could not be used for school purposes, it not coming within the provisions of the building laws.

Ordered, That the item be stricken from the calendar.

Public School 19.—From the Committee on Studies, enclosing a communication from the Principal, Mr. Taylor, approved by the Borough Superintendent, Miss Requa, Supervisor of Physical Education, and approved by said Committee, recommending that the gymnasium in the department be fitted up. (Minutes, p. 21.)

Laid over for receipt of report from Borough Superintendent, as called for January 16. (Minutes, p. 21.)

Annex Public School 85.—With reference to renewing the lease of St. Mary's P. E. Church for six months. (Minutes, p. 22.)

Laid over until the receipt of the report from the Borough Superintendent, called for January 16. (Minutes, p. 22.)

Public School 77.—Charges preferred by officers in the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings against Mr. Cassin, the janitor, of permitting school material to be removed from the building without the proper order from the Department, as provided in sub-division 30 of the by laws regulating the duties of Janitors. (Minutes, p. 22.)

The CHAIRMAN stated the complaint had been withdrawn.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the item be stricken from the calendar.

Adopted.

Public School 96.—Communication from the Superintendent of School Buildings, in which it is stated that Dr. Requa, Supervisor of Physical Education, asks that the partition which encloses space formerly used as classrooms on south side of the gymnasium, fifth floor, be removed, in order to afford more room in the gymnasium. (Minutes, p. 23.)

Mr. LIVINGSTON reported adverse to granting the request, the space referred being required for school purposes, and moved that the request be denied.

Adopted.

244 and 246 East Fifty-Second Street.—Jacob Fleishhauer, offering to rent the premises, for school purposes, for a term of three years with privilege of renewal on same terms, for the sum of $3,000 per annum, he further agreeing to repair and renew the heating apparatus and roof of said building to the satisfaction of the Committee on Sites and Buildings upon its demand.

The Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan, reported that he had "examined the building throughout and finds it to be in very fair repair, so much so, that the sum of about $1,000, will put it in a condition where it can be used for school purposes. This does not include the cost of furniture, which must be provided for the building throughout. The details of arrangement, sizes of rooms, etc., are described in the report hereto annexed. The building is well suited for light and air, the yard space being ample, and the building having been used before for a school, is well suited to the purpose."

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the offer as made by Mr. Fleishhauer be accepted, this Board to keep the building in repair.

Adopted.

Public School 95.—From George H. Corey, notifying the Secretary of School Board, that the owner of the premises 13–17 East One hundred and twenty-fifth street, would not renew the lease of the same for three years from May 1, 1899, at an annual rent of $5,000, his price being $7,000, or will sell the property for $120,000.

The Clerk reported that the School Board on December 7, 1898, on recommendation of this Committee, requested the Board of Education to renew the lease of the premises in question at a rental of $5,000: the Board of Education, on December 28th, 1898, requested the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to authorize the Comptroller to execute the lease in question, where it is now pending.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the whole subject be referred to Mr. Livingston for examination and report.

Adopted.

Communication from the Secretary of the Board of Education, transmitting a copy a letter from the Comptroller, requesting that where renewal of leases are desired, application therefor should be made at least two months before the expiration of the existing lease, in order that the necessary examinations required by law can be properly made by the Comptroller, and with the view of preventing the City's being held as a hold-over in the event of it not being desired to renew said lease.

Ordered, That said communication be approved and placed on file.

Annex Public School 4.—Communication from the Inspectors of the Sixth School District recommending that the premises Nos. 71 and 73 Pitt street, now occupied as an annex, be acquired under condemnation proceedings.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent and Superintendent of School Buildings for examination and report.

From the Secretary of the Board of Education, transmitting form of resolutions adopted by the Committee on Sites of the Board of Education, as follows:

Resolved, That, in accordance with Section 1090 of the Charter, this School Board hereby chooses and determines, as a site for school purposes, the lands and premises at (or known as) Then insert location and dimensions.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board be, and he hereby is, directed to transmit to the Board of Education a certified copy of the above resolution.

Approved and placed on file.

Public School 126.—Miss H. Louise Clark, Principal, appeared before the Committee, and requested permission to use the assembly room of the school, on Tuesday, January 31, 1899, after 3 o'clock P. M.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the request be granted, and the Janitor notified accordingly.

Adopted.

Mr. Dazier appeared before the Committee on behalf of the Half Orphan Asylum building on Tenth street near Sixth avenue, and stated that the owners would agree to lease the premises for five years at a rental of $8,500 per year, with privilege of renewal, and would expend $10,000 in making the necessary repairs and alterations. (See Minutes, p. 23.)

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the owners of the property be requested to submit their proposition, in writing, to this Committee.

Adopted.

Harlem Evening High School.—A communication was received from Edward A. Page, Principal, requesting that when the site on One hundred and sixteenth and One hundred and seventeenth streets, between Fifth and Lenox avenues shall have been acquired, and the plans for the new school building are in course of preparation, that he be granted a hearing.

Mr. STERNE moved that Mr. Page be notified that when the plans are presented to the Committee for its consideration, he will be invited to be present.

Adopted.

Public School 77.—Mr. Charles Putzel, Chairman of the Board of Inspectors of the Twenty-fourth District, appeared before the Committee, and stated that he had no complaint to make against the Janitor of the school, but, in his opinion, if Mr. Cassin was transferred to a building of less size, he would be more efficient in the discharge of his duties as Janitor.

Laid over.

Nos. 58 and 60 West 135th Street.—A communication was received from Reynolds & Co., stating that an error had been made in construing their proposition to rent the premises at $840, their proposition for the stores being for $1,680 per annum.

Referred to Mr. Sterne.

Public School 138.—The following communication was received from the Superintendent of School Buildings:

NEW YORK, *January* 17, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings,
School Board, Manhattan and The Bronx.

GENTLEMEN: The resolution presented by your Committee and adopted by the School Board, Manhattan and The Bronx, at the last meeting, requesting that three additional classrooms be provided on the second floor of Public School 138, The Bronx, in accordance with plans and specifications submitted, which was referred to the Committee on Buildings, was considered at a meeting held on the 16th inst. I was directed to inform you that the Committee does not approve of forming additional classrooms on the second floor of this school building, as it considers they would be unsuitable for the purpose, but would suggest that it would be more economical and also afford greater accommodations, to erect an additional story. A report to this effect was ordered presented to the Board.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that this Committee request the School Board to rescind its action taken December 21, 1898 (Jol., pp. 1604 and 1605), in requesting the Board of Education to have three additional classrooms provided for on the second floor of P. S. 138, and in lieu thereof request the latter named Board to place an additional story on said school building (see Minutes, 1898, pp. 1604-1605).

Adopted.

Analysis of quarterly reports of School Inspectors of the Thirteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-second, Twenty-eighth and Thirty-first Districts.

Referred to the Chairman and Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson.

New York Library Club.—Acknowledging the courtesy extended it by the Committee, in authorizing it to use the Boys' High School Building on the afternoon of January 12, 1899.

Ordered, That said communication be placed on file.

Public School 21.—Mr. LIVINGSTON, moved that the rent allowance of the Janitor of P. S. 21 be fixed at $299 per annum, taking effect on January 1st, 1899.

Adopted.

From the Inspectors of the Thirty-second School District recommending that a site be selected, to be located at Brown Place and One hundred and thirty-fifth and One hundred and thirty-sixth streets.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent, and Superintendent of School Buildings.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 585–587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS, LIVINGSTON, O'BRIEN and STERNE—5.

The Minutes of the meeting held January 23, were amended by substituting for the date of said meeting "January 18th," the date "January 23."

The Minutes of the meeting held January 23d, as printed and amended, were then approved.

Public School 7 and New Public School 20.—With reference to granting the Public Education Association permission to use classrooms and indoor playgrounds on certain nights, for use of clubs (Minutes 1898, pp. 546, 555, 556, 569 and pp. 4, 11, 17 and 29 of 1899).

Laid over, to await the report of the association, as requested by this Committee January 9th (Journal, p. 11).

Outdoor Recreation League.—With reference to continuing the recreation schools on Saturdays; also, to establish reading rooms in the evenings. (Minutes 1898, pp. 528, 535, 542, 552, 559, 573–576 and pp. 5, 11–13, 20 and 29 of 1899.)

The consideration of said communication was laid over.

Patriotic League.—With reference to opening a school building two afternoons or evenings each week, for the purpose of admitting children for recreative occupations under the direction of the school authorities. (Minutes, p. 30.)

The consideration of said communication was laid over.

Annex Public School 34.—From the Inspectors of the Sixth School District, recommending a renewal of the lease of the premises occupied in the Willett Street M. E. Church. (Minutes, pp. 19 and 30.)

The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, reported that "on October 3d I approved and submitted to your Committee a report of Associate Superintendent Elgas, recommending the rehiring of these premises, and it appears in your minutes of 1898, pp. 457 and 458, that you voted to request the Board of Education to renew the lease for two years. I therefore have 'no objection' to withdraw as to the rehiring of these premises. The placing of the proposed electric lights would in my judgment remove the grounds for opposition which have been made. It is true that the premises under consideration are not such as should be hired if better ones could be secured in the neighborhood; but it does not seem practicable to obtain better accommodation. Under the circumstances, I renew my recommendation heretofore made to your Committee, that the premises be hired."

Mr. O'Brien moved that the School Board again request the Board of Education to renew the lease of the church in question, and to supply an electric lighting plant in said premises, for the use of the Annex of P. S. 34.

Adopted.

Inspectors Sixth School District.—A request that a room be set aside for their use for meetings of the Board of Inspectors (Minutes, pp. 20 and 30).

The Borough Superintendent reported that he had conferred with the Chairman, Dr. Groehe, in regard to the matter, and that he is to furnish a report as to the rooms which he considers suitable for the purpose.

Laid over.

Public School 19.—From the Committee on Studies, enclosing a communication from the Principal, Mr. Taylor, approved by the Borough Superintendent, Miss Requa the Supervisor of Physical Education, and by said Committee, recommending that the gymnasium in the Department be fitted up (Minutes, p. 21).

The Borough Superintendent, in response to the request of this Committee made January 16th (Minutes, p. 21), as to whether it would, in case the request was granted, displace children who are now in school, or deprive children of school accommodation in the future, reported as follows:

January 30, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

A careful investigation has been made into the matter of establishing a gymnasium in P. S. 19, and I desire to withdraw my former approval of the application of the Principals of the said school for such gymnasium.

The classes in the Primary Department are overcrowded; the Principal, Miss Buckbee, tells me that she "can easily fill any reasonable number of rooms after Feb 1st next," and the other two Principals agree with her that extra classroom accommodations are very much needed. In view of these statements, I would suggest that three classrooms be fitted up on the top floor of the building, in which Grammar classes of girls and boys could be put, thus giving the Primary Department three more rooms on the third floor of the building, where now two classes are already comfortably located.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,

Borough Superintendent.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that this Committee concurring in the views of the Borough Superintendent, is opposed to fitting up the gymnasium in question, and respectfully requests the Committee on Studies to withdraw its approval of the application, and make application to have the rooms fitted up as suggested by the Borough Superintendent.

Adopted.

Annex Public School 85.—From the Inspectors of the Thirty-second School District, transmitted through the Clerk of the Vestry of St. Mary's P. E. Church, recommending that the lease of the church premises be renewed for six months, the present lease expiring on February 1, 1899 (Minutes, pp. 22 and 32) One hundred and forty-second street and Alexander avenue.

The Borough Superintendent recommended that the lease of the premises be not renewed, the premises having been vacated in 1898.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the recommendation of the Borough Superintendent be concurred in.

Adopted.

Annex Public School 61.—First Presbyterian Church, One hundred and seventy-fourth street and Washington avenue, from Mr. C. H. Brown, of No. 320 Broadway, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, informing this Board, that having continued to occupy the basement of the church after January 1, 1899, the date of the expiration of the lease, that the church authorities shall hold the City liable for such rent.

The Borough Superintendent recommended that the lease of the premises be not renewed, the same not being required.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the premises be abandoned, the school

property be removed therefrom, the church authorities be notified of this action and the matter be reported to the School Board for confirmation.

Adopted.

Public School 95.—Matter of the refusal of Mr. Corey to renew the lease of the premises 13–17 East One hundred and twenty-fifth street, for the sum of $5,000 per year. (Minutes, p. 34.)

Mr. LIVINGSTON reported that he had received an offer from Mr. Corey, to renew the lease for $6,500 per annum, he to pay the taxes, or $5,000 per year, the City to pay the taxes, and that subsequently Mr. Corey had withdrawn his offer of $6,500.

Mr. Corey appeared before the Committee and stated that he had withdrawn his offer to renew the lease for $6,500 he to pay the taxes.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the matter be recommitted to Mr. LIVINGSTON.

Adopted.

Annex Public School 4.—From the Inspectors of the Sixth School District recommending the premises Nos. 71 and 73 Pitt street, the lease of which will expire on May 1, 1899, be acquired by condemnation proceedings, for the relief of P. S. 4. (Minutes, p. 34.)

The Borough Superintendent and Superintendent of School Buildings submitted the following reports:

January 30th, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

In relation to the communication from the Inspectors of the

Sixth School District, recommending that property at 71 and 73 Pitt street be acquired for school purposes, I would say, that the erection at any time of a large building upon the two lots would exclude both light and air from a portion of Public School 4. It is, in my judgment, imperatively necessary that the property be secured as soon as possible in order that this large and important school building be properly protected in the matter of lighting and ventilation.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

NEW YORK, *January* 30, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with your request I have examined the property No. 71-73 Pitt street, now leased by the Board of Education and used as an annex to Public School 4.

I would respectfully state that in my opinion if Public School 4 is to be continued or rebuilt it would be very wise to acquire the property in question together with a strip 10 feet 10 inches by 75 feet in depth, to the south thereof. The buildings now on the plot are of little or no value and the price to be paid by the City would be virtually for the land alone.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

Mr. STERNE moved the School Board request the Board of Education to acquire title to the property No. 71 and 73 Pitt street, adjoining P. S. 4; also, to the strip of land 10 feet 10 inches by 75 feet in depth, to the south thereof.

Adopted.

Annex Boys' High School.—From Mr. Henry Dazian, of No. 26 Union Square, offering to rent the Half Orphan Asylum building, Nos. 59–67 West Tenth street, for ten years for the the sum of $8,000 per year and water tax, he agreeing to expend the sum of $20,000 to improve the premises as per plans to be prepared by the Superintendent of School Buildings, and approved by the Department of Buildings.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the communication be referred to the Committee on High Schools for its consideration.

Adopted.

Nos. 58 and 60 West 135th Street.—From Thomas L. Reynolds & Co., declining to rent the stores No. 58 and No. 60 West One hundred and thirty-fifth street, for $840 per annum claiming that the premises consisted of four stores and his original proposition was $35 for each store. (Minutes, p. 36.)

Mr. STERNE submitted a communication from T. L. Reynolds & Co., in which he agrees to rent the four stores at Nos. 58 and 60 West One hundred and thirty-fifth street, for the sum of $25 each, or $100 per mouth for the four stores, the City to pay the water tax.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved to recommend to the School Board, a reconsideration of its former action, requesting the Board of Education to lease the premises in question at an annual rental of $840, and request the Board of Education to lease Nos. 58 and 60 West One hundred and thirty-fifth street, at an annual rental of $1,200 and water tax.

Adopted.

Analysis of the quarterly reports of the Inspectors of the 13th, 20th, 22d and 28th Districts.

Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson, and (acting) Mr. Morgan, submitted the following reports:

NEW YORK, *January* 30, 1899.

HON. RICHARD H. ADAMS,

Chairman, Committee on Sites and Buildings.

DEAR SIR: I beg to make the following report upon the Analysis of the Quarterly Reports of the Board of Inspectors:

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

P. S. 11. To partly prevent the draught complained of, checks and springs will be placed upon the doors in question; moreover, a contract has already been made to provide curtains to screen the classrooms in the assembly room from the draught.

P. S. 55. On account of the defective character of the gas, electric lighting has been placed throughout the building.

A contract has been made for changing the system of electric lighting in rooms 5 and 26, as requested. In the other rooms the system of lighting by drop cords is deemed to be sufficient; it is, indeed, better suited to give a diffused and bright light upon the desks than the system of lighting by elevated cluster lights.

It is not usual to provide Janitors' rooms with carpets.

Request has been made of the Commission of Highways to pave the street as requested.

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

P. S. 74. The repairs here spoken of have been at this date completed.

Proceedings for condemnation of the lot adjoining this school on the west have been begun and are now in the hands of the Corporation Counsel.

P. S. 82. Owing to the construction of the building, which is an old building, it is not easy to remedy the lack of ventilation that is complained of.
Proceedings have been begun and are now in the hands of the Corporation Counsel, for acquiring the property No. 337 West Seventieth street, adjoining the school on the west side, although nothing has been done towards acquiring that facing on First avenue on the north side of the school. It seems unnecessary that this property on the north of the school should also be acquired.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

P. S. 142. A contract has been made for fitting up this school with gas pipes and jets throughout.
The odor complained of appears to arise chiefly from the stables as stated, and not from the toilets, which are in good condition. Inasmuch as the stables belong to other parties, there seems to be no way of avoiding the odor coming from them
The Board of Health has been requested to have the carriageway in question paved.
Inasmuch as the Board of Education does not own the lots in the rear, it is not advisable to make doors through the fence for egress.

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

P. S. 163. With regard to asphalting the grounds around the school, the greater part of them are already covered with concrete; the only part that is not so covered is the front yard, which has hitherto been used for a lawn. This, however, will also be covered with concrete during the vacation of the present year.

P. S. 128. The two teachers' desks asked for have been ordered. A couch will be furnished as requested.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ROBINSON,

Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Borough of Manhattan.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the reports be received and the Inspectors be notified of the action taken in each case.

Adopted.

Public School 128.—Mr. STERNE moved that a couch be supplied this school.

Adopted.

Public School 39.—Mr. STERNE moved that a classroom be fitted up in the playground of this school.

Adopted.

Inspectors of the Thirty-second District, recommending that a site be selected, to be located at Brown Place and One hundred and thirty-fifth and One hundred and thirty-sixth streets. (Minutes, p. 38.)

The Borough Superintendent reported that the matter was under consideration, and that he would submit a report at the next meeting.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that as yet, he had been unable to investigate the matter.

The consideration of the communication was laid over.

Public School 41.—From Michael F. Hynes, janitor, asking to be transferred to P. S. 167.

Placed on file.

Public School 42.—Mr. Lemard, the janitor, having been summoned to appear before the Committee to answer a complaint of failing to apply to the Department of Police for his license after notice from the Building Department, appeared before the Committee and was reprimanded by the Chairman.

From the Secretary transmitting the correspondence between the late President, Mr. Charles Bulkley Hubbell, and the Department of Health, recommending that the rooms in the schoolhouse be thoroughly washed and aired every pleasant, sunshiny day.

Placed on file.

Public School 92.—From Mrs. I. Rosenthal, complaining that a garment belonging to her daughter had been stolen from the schoolhouse, and asking for redress.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that a copy of the letter be referred to the Principal of the school, and that Deputy Superintendent Robinson be instructed to provide wardrobes for said school.

Adopted.

Annex Public School 102.—From the Principal, Mr. Ward, notifying that the leased premises at the corner of Main street and Fordham avenue are no longer required.

Mr. STERNE moved that the Acting Deputy Superintendent,

Mr. Morgan, cause the school fixtures to be removed from the premises in question.

Adopted.

Public School 39.—From Mr. John P. Conroy, Principal, suggesting certain repairs to the annex of said school at No. 230 East One hundred and twenty-fifth street.

Referred to Acting Deputy Superintendent, Mr. Morgan.

Public School 158.—From Bayard W. Purcell, Principal recommending that an iron railing be placed around the building, to prevent defacement of the stonework.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that a resolution be presented to the School Board, requesting the Board of Education to place an iron railing around the school building in question, and, also, around all new school buildings to protect the stone work.

Adopted.

Public School 106.—Mr. Wm. J. Parkinson, Janitor, was excused, with pay, for absence on this date, January 30th.

Public School 3.—Mr. Joseph Swift, Janitor, was granted a leave of absence, with pay, for the remainder of the afternoon of January 31, after 2 o'clock, P. M.

From Mrs. H. Dorothy Beach, School Inspector Ninth District, with reference to renting a house in the Ninth School District.

The Clerk was instructed to request Mrs. Beach to furnish the Committee with the location of the house and the terms upon which the same can be rented.

Public School 158.—From the Secretary, enclosing a bill of Daniel Riordan, Janitor, for services from December 15th to December 31st, 1898, both inclusive.

Ordered, That the bill be paid.

Public School 150.—From the Janitor, requesting an addition rent allowance.

Denied.

On recommendation of the Superintendent of School Buildings the salaries of the janitors of the following named schools were increased:

	Present Salary.	Increase.	To take effect on.
P. S. 124.	$728	$39	Sept. 12, 1898.

On account of additional yard and floor space to care for.

	Present Salary.	Increase.	To take effect on.
P. S. 137.	$1,339	$1,222	Jan. 15, 1899.

Building having been enlarged.

	Present Salary.	Increase.	To take effect on.
P. S. 9.	$3,341	$91	Sept. 12, 1898.

Living apartments converted for school use.

Approved.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 585-587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—RICHARD H. ADAMS, Chairman, and Messrs. EUSTIS, LIVINGSTON, STERNE and O'BRIEN—5.

The Minutes of the meeting held January 30, as printed, were approved.

Public School 7 and New Public School 20—With reference to granting the Public Education Association permission to use class rooms and indoor playgrounds on certain nights, for use of Clubs. (Minutes, 1898, pp. 546, 555, 556, 569, and pp. 4, 11, 17, 29, and 39 of 1899.)

Laid over, to await the report of the Association, as requested by this Committee, January 9th. (Minutes, p. 11.)

Outdoor Recreation League.—With reference to continuing the recreation schools on Saturdays; also, to establish reading rooms in the evenings. (Minutes, 1898, pp. 528, 535, 542, 552, 559, 573-576, and pp. 5, 11-13, 20, 29 and 39 of 1899.)

The consideration of said communication was laid over.

Patriotic League.—With reference to opening a school building two afternoons or evenings each week, for the purpose of admitting children for recreative occupations, under the direction of the school authorities. (Minutes, pp. 30 and 40.)

The consideration of said communication was laid over.

Inspectors Sixth School District.—A request that a room be set aside for their use for meetings of the Board of Inspectors. (Minutes, pp. 20, 30 and 40.)

Laid over, to await final report from the Borough Superintendent.

Public School 95.—Matter of the refusal of Mr. Corey to renew the lease of the premises Nos. 13–17 East One hundred and twenty-fifth street, for the sum of $5,000. (Minutes, pp. 34 and 43.)

Laid over, to await final report from Mr. Livingston.

Inspectors of the Thirty-second District, recommending that a site be selected to be located at Brown Place, One hundred and thirty-fifth and One hundred and thirty-sixth streets. (Minutes, pp. 38 and 48.)

Laid over, to await reports from the Borough Superintendent and Superintendent of School Buildings.

Public School 39.—From John P. Conroy, Principal, suggesting certain repairs, etc., to the annex of said school, at No. 230 East One hundred and twenty-fifth street (Minutes, p. 50.)

Laid over, to await report from Acting Deputy Superintendent, Mr. Morgan.

Mrs. H. Dorothy Beach, Secretary Board of School Inspectors for the Ninth District, with reference to renting a house in said District. (Minutes, p. 50.)

Mr. Livingston stated that the house referred to is known as No. 36 Charlton street.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the Borough Superintendent be requested to report to this Committee as to whether there is a necessity for additional school accommodation in this section, and if so, whether he would recommend the renting of the entire house, or the parlor and basement floors only.

Adopted.

Mr. Livingston moved that the Superintendent of School Buildings be requested to report as to the suitability of the premises No. 36 Charlton street, for school purposes.

Adopted.

Inspectors Twenty-fifth School District.—For permission to use the new Public School 165, situated on One hundred and eighth street, on the evening of May 19th or some other evening about that time, for the purpose of tendering a reception to Mr. D. E. Gaddis, Principal P. S. 54.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the request be granted, provided we have control of the premises and it will not interfere with other school matters.

Adopted.

Public School 81.—Bill of William J. Oliver for services as acting Janitor for the month of January, 1899, amounting to $153, the amount prescribed by the by-laws.

Mr. STERNE moved to recommend to the School Board that the bill be paid.

Adopted.

Public School 82.—From Mr. Crosby, the Janitor, asking for instruction as to his duty in the matter of turning on and off the gas.

Referred to the Chairman.

Public School 94.—From Mr. F. White requesting that the Janitor be ordered to keep the large doors leading from the playgrounds fastened back.

Placed on file.

The annual salary of the Janitors of the following named new school buildings was fixed as follows, taking effect on January 1, 1899:

New Public School 42, ...	$4056
Public School 153, ...	2002

A communication was received from Mr. Henry Dazian on behalf of the Half Orphan Asylum building, Nos. 59–67 West Tenth street, offering to rent the same for a term of five years at an annual rental of $9,000, agreeing to expend $20,000 in improvements under the plans of the Superintendent of School Buildings, provided they are approved by the Department of Buildings.

Mr. STERNE moved that the proposition be referred to the Committee on High Schools.

Adopted.

Public School 96.—Deputy Superintendent Robinson reported that the Principal requests that the cooking room on the fifth story be enlarged at the expense of the adjoining classroom, and that what is left of this classroom, be used as a store room.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent.

Public School 105.—From the Principal recommending that an iron railing be placed around the building to protect the stonework.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the School Board recommend to the Board of Education that the request be granted.

Adopted.

From Mr. Geo. W. Brettell offering to rent the premises No. 232 East One hundred and twenty-fifth street, for the sum of $2,200 per annum.

Mr. STERNE moved that Mr. Brettell be notified that this Board having leased No. 230 East One hundred and twenty-fifth street, there is no urgent need for the leasing of other premises in this vicinity.

Adopted.

No. 722 Fifth Street.—Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the question of acquiring title to these premises under condemnation proceedings, for the improvement of Public School 15, be referred to the Borough Superintendent and Superintendent of School Buildings for report.

Adopted.

Public School 73.—Complaint of the Principal against Mr. John J. Mahoney, Janitor, in not paying attention to her orders.

Miss Fanner, the Principal, and Mr. Mahoney were present and heard, after which Mr. Mahoney was reprimanded by the Chairman.

Public School 92.—Deputy Superintendent Robinson reported that locks had been placed on the wardrobes in said school, to prevent the stealing therefrom of the children's clothing.

Mr. STERNE moved that a circular be issued to all Janitors, calling their attention to the fact that several cases have been brought to the attention of the Committee where children's clothing has been stolen from the school buildings, and notifying them to be very careful and endeavor to prevent any such occurrence in the buildings of which they are Janitors.

Adopted.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 585-587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Esq., Chairman, and Messrs. ADAMS, LIVINGSTON and ROGERS—4.

Mr. O'BRIEN was excused for absence from this meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting held February 6, 1899, as printed were approved.

Public School 7 and New Public School 20.—With reference to granting the Public Education Association permission to use classrooms and indoor playgrounds on certain nights for use of clubs. (Minutes, 1898, pp. 546, 555, 556, 569, and pp. 4, 11, 17, 29, 39 and 53 of 1899.)

Laid over to await report of the Association, as requested by this Committee, January 9th. (Minutes, p. 11.)

Outdoor Recreation League.—With reference to continuing the recreation schools on Saturdays; also, to establish reading rooms in the evenings. (Minutes, 1898, pp. 528, 535, 542, 552, 559, 573-6, and pp. 5, 11—13, 20, 29, 39 and 53 of 1899.)

The consideration of said communication was laid over.

Patriotic League.—With reference to opening a school building two afternoons or evenings of each week, for the purpose of admitting children for recreative occupations, under the direction of the school authorities. (Minutes, pp. 30, 40 and 54).

The consideration of said communication was laid over.

Public School 60.—From Florence Kehrmann, for permission to hold meetings for a reunion of the class of 1896 on February 28th, March 15th, 29th, April 19th, May 24th, June 26th, and July 1st, after three o'clock, P. M.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent.

Public School 137.—From a Committee of the Baron De Hirsch Fund, for permission to use two or more classrooms on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week, for the English evening classes of the Fund.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent.

Inspectors Sixth School District.—Request that a room be set aside as a meeting room for the Board of Inspectors. (Minutes, pp. 20, 30, 40 and 54.)

Laid over, to await final report from the Borough Superintendent.

Public School 95.—Matter of the refusal of Mr. Corey to renew the lease of the premises Nos. 13–17 East One hundred and twenty-fifth street, for the sum of $5,000 per annum.

Mr. ADAMS moved that a report be submitted to the School Board reciting the fact, that while this committee was negotiating

with the owner of the premises as to the amount of rent which should be paid, notice had been received that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund had authorized the Comptroller to execute a lease for $7,000 per annum, when prepared and approved by the Corporation Counsel, notwithstanding the fact that the Board of Education, at the request of the School Board, had requested said Commissioners to renew the lease at an annual rental not to exceed $5,000.

Adopted.

Inspectors 32d District.—With reference to selecting a site at Brown Place and One hundred and thirty-fifth and One hundred and thirty-sixth streets. (Minutes, pp. 38–48 and 54.)

The Borough Superintendent reported as follows:

NEW YORK, *February* 14, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

In relation to the communication from the Inspectors of the 32d School District, with reference to selecting a site at Brown Place and One hundred and thirty-fifth and One hundred and thirty-sixth streets, I would state that a school is to be opened in the near future on Mott avenue, also one in One hundred and forty first street near Brook avenue. This last is two blocks north of P. S. 85, and the site proposed is only two blocks south of the same school, and on a line with it. The site is altogether too near P. S. 85 for a new school. If any school is needed in this section, it should be located between Third avenue and Willis avenue, and south of One hundred and fortieth street. But it is not at all certain that a new school is needed in this section, as the opening of the new school on Mott avenue will relieve P. S. 60, and that, in turn, will relieve P. S. 85, while the opening of the new Primary School on One hundred and forty-first street will also tend to relieve the Primary Department of P. S. 85.

There is no apparent immediate necessity of a new building in this immediate vicinity, and when there is such necessity, it would be, in my judgment, very unwise to select a site so near to one of the present schools.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,

Borough Superintendent.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that in view of the report made by the Borough Superintendent, that this Committee report to the School Board, adversely to the recommendation of the Inspectors.

Adopted.

Annex Public School 39.—From John P. Conroy, Principal, suggesting certain repairs, etc., to the Annex No. 230 East One hundred and twenty-fifth street. (Minutes, pp. 50 and 54.)

Awaiting report from Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan

From Mrs. H. Dorothy Beach, Secretary Board of School Inspectors for the Ninth District, with reference to renting the house or parlor and basement floors of No. 36 Charlton street. (Minutes, pp. 50 and 55.)

An offer was received to rent the premises for $1,250 per annum, the Board to make all repairs, and would give immediate occupation of the two lower floors, at a rental of $55 per month, until May 1st.

Laid over, to await a report from the Borough Superintendent.

Public School 82.—From Mr. Crosby, the janitor, asking for instructions as to his duties in the matter of regulating the gas. (Minutes, p. 56.)

Mr. ADAMS stated that he would make a report at the next meeting.

Half Orphan Asylum Building--Nos. 59–67 West Tenth street, with reference to offers of Mr. Dazian to rent the same for use as an annex to the Boys' High School. (Minutes, p. 56.)

These offers were referred to the Committee on High Schools.

Public School 96.—Deputy Superintendent Robinson, reporting that the Principal requested that the cooking room on the fifth story be enlarged at the expense of the adjoining classroom, and that what is left of this classroom be used as a storeroom. (Minutes, p. 57.)

Laid over, awaiting report from the Borough Superintendent.

Public School 15.—With reference to acquiring title to the property No. 722 Fifth street, for school purposes. (Minutes, p. 57.)

The Borough Superintendent reported "the school population of that district is increasing rapidly. In the primary department of that school there are now four part-time classes. The classes of second and third year pupils are also crowded. There is, however, another good reason why said property should be acquired. It is only a question of a short time when that house will be replaced by a large apartment house which will deprive many classes of light and air. The neighboring schools also have half-day classes. In consideration of these facts, I would recommend that the property be acquired and used for school purposes."

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that in view of the facts as reported by the Borough Superintendent, this Committee recommend the School Board to request the Board of Education to acquire title to the property in question.

Adopted.

Williamsbridge Improvement Association.—Complaining that the Superintendent of School Buildings did not meet a committee of said association while inspecting the site at Elliott avenue and Julianna street, as agreed upon January 16th (Minutes pp. 21 and 31).

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Inspectors Eighth District.—Recommending that the piano lately sent to P. S. 105, be replaced by a more suitable instrument.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the recommendation be referred to the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education, direct.

Adopted.

From the Superintendent of School Buildings recommending that old Public Schools 20, 40 and 42, be renumbered Public Schools 35, 47 and 144 respectively.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved to recommend to the School Board the adoption of the Superintendent's recommendation.

Adopted.

Analysis of the quarterly reports of the Inspectors of the 7th, 8th, 9th, 14th, 20th, 25th, 27th, 30th, 32d, 33d and 34th School Districts.

Referred to the Deputy Superintendents of School Buildings.

Public School 51.—From Martin H. Ray, Principal, recom-

mending that the church property Nos. 432 and 434 West Forty-fourth street, be rented and fitted up as an annex.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent and Superintendent of School Buildings.

Public School 96.—From James H. Brown, Janitor, to be excused for one and one-half hours' absence on February 10, 1899.

Granted with pay.

Public School 48.—From George F. Haller, Janitor, to be granted a leave of absence on March 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th

Granted with pay.

Public School 106.—From W. J. Perkinson, Janitor, with reference to his absence.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson for report.

From A. H. Andrews & Co., with reference to using their furniture in the Public Schools.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Public School 20 (New).—From Mary Maclay, Principal, with reference to the placing of the school furniture in the new building.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent.

Public School 20 (New).—William M. Simmons, with reference to the use of classrooms in the new school.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the Superintendent of School Buildings be requested to furnish this Committee with a list of the pianos purchased for the Public Schools during the past three years, and the price paid for each.

Adopted.

Public School 108.—From James F. Doyle, Janitor, asking for a transfer.

Placed on file.

Public School 39.—Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan reported that plans and specifications had been prepared for placing a new classroom at the front of the playground, and that the work was started on Saturday, February 11, 1899.

Placed on file.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that a resolution be introduced in the School Board requesting the Board of Education to furnish and fit up the following-named premises for school purposes upon the approval of the leases of the same by the Comptroller:

No. 1637 First avenue.—Store and part of basement.
No. 1458 Amsterdam avenue.—Store and cellar.
No. 306 East Ninety-sixth street.—Three-story building.
No. 453 St. Nicholas avenue.—Store and cellar.
Nos. 353–355 East Sixty-eighth street.—Basement of Church.
Nos. 244 and 246 East Fifty-second street.—For Annex to Girls' High School.
No. 722 Fifth street.—Parlor floor.

Adopted.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 585–587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. ADAMS, LIVINGSTON and O'BRIEN—4.

MR. ROGERS was excused for absence from this session.

The Minutes of the meeting held February 14, 1899, as printed were approved.

Public School 7, and New Public School 120.—With reference to granting the Public Education Association permission to use class-rooms and indoor playgrounds on certain nights, for use of clubs. (Minutes, 1898, pages 546, 555, 556, 569, and pages 4, 11, 17, 29, 39, 53 and 59 of 1899.)

Laid over, to await report of the Association, as requested by this Committee, January 9th. (Minutes, page 11.)

Outdoor Recreation League.—With reference to continuing the recreation schools on Saturdays; also, to establish reading rooms in the evenings. (Minutes, 1898, pages 528, 535, 542, 552, 573–576, and pages 5, 11, 13, 20, 29, 39, 53 and 59 of 1899.)

The consideration of said communication was laid over.

Patriotic League.—With reference to opening a school building two afternoons or evenings of each week, for the purpose of admitting children for recreative occupations, under the direction of the school authorities. (Minutes, pages 30, 40, 54 and 60.)

The consideration of said communication was laid over.

Public School 60.—From Florence Kehrmann, for permission to hold meetings for a reunion of the class of 1896, on February 28th, March 15th and 29th, April 19th, May 24th, June 26th, and July 1st, after 3 o'clock P. M. (Minutes, page 60.)

The Borough Superintendent reported: "In my judgment, it is not desirable that a series of seven (7) meetings should be allowed for any one class to prepare for and hold a reunion. I would recommend that the class be permitted to hold two meetings in the school building, one for preparation and one for the reunion, such meetings to be held in the afternoon, provided there is no interference with the work of the Janitor."

MR. O'BRIEN moved that the application be denied, and that Miss Kehrmann be informed that it is the opinion of the Committee, if exception be made in favor of the class of 1896, it will be followed by numerous applications from associations of every kind for the use of the school buildings, which, if granted, would seriously interfere with the janitor in the discharge of his duties, who is required to clean his building after school hours and prepare it for the opening session on the following morning; also, that the Committee declines to authorize the use of the school buildings for purposes other than those directly connected with the school system.

Adopted.

Public School 137.—From a Committee of the Baron de Hirsch Fund, for permission to use two or more classrooms on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week, for the English evening classes of the fund. (Minutes p. 90.)

The CLERK reported that the Borough Superintendent was not prepared to present his report at the session.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the same action be taken by this Committee as was taken on the application of Florence Kehrmann, for a reunion of the Class of 1896 in Public School 60.

Adopted.

From Anita Laurence, representing the Public Education Association for permission to use the building of School 27, one afternoon each week, for the purpose of holding "Mothers' Meetings."

Mr. ADAMS moved that the application be denied, for the same reasons as are set forth in the motion denying the application of Florence Kehrmann, taken at this session.

Adopted.

Inspectors, Sixth District.—For a room in which their Board may meet. (Minutes, pp. 20, 30, 40, 54, 60.)

The CLERK reported that the Inspectors had not, as yet, selected a room to be reported to the Borough Superintendent.

Laid over.

No. 36 Charlton St.—From Mrs. H. Dorothy Beach, Secretary Board of School Inspectors, Ninth District, with reference

to renting the house or parlor floor and basement. For terms see Minutes, p. 62. (Minutes, pp. 50, 55 and 62.)

The Borough Superintendent reported as follows: "I would recommend that if the Superintendent of School Buildings reports that the premises are suitable for school purposes, sufficient room be hired for the establishment of a Kindergarten Class."

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Course of Study for a report as to the necessity for securing the premises in question for school purposes, and to Deputy Superintendent Robinson, for report as to the adaptabililty of the premises for school purposes.

Adopted.

Annex Public School 39.—From John P. Conroy, Principal, suggesting certain repairs, etc., to the Annex, No. 230 East 125th street. (Minutes pp. 50, 54 and 62.)

Deputy Superintendent Robinson reported that the work will be done.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that Mr. Conroy be so notified.

Adopted.

Public School 82.—From Mr. Crosby, Janitor, asking instructions as to his duties in the matter of regulating the gas lighting. (Minutes pp. 56 and 62.)

Mr. ADAMS reported that the matter had been amicably settled.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the item be stricken from the calendar.

Adopted.

Half Orphan Asylum Building.—Nos. 59-67 West 10th street, with reference to the offers of Mr. Dazian to rent the same for use as an annex to the Boys' High School. (Minutes pp. 56 and 63.

These offers were referred to the Committee on High Schools, January 30th (Minutes p. 45), and February 6th (Minutes p. 56.)

Public School 96.—With reference to enlarging the cooking room, etc. (Minutes pp. 57 and 63).

The Borough Superintendent reported:

"I would say that it is impossible at this time to say whether the application should be granted. From the material increase of pupils in Primary Departments from this month through the present term, it is safe to predict that more accommodations will be needed for the Primary Department. The enlargement of the cooking room would destroy one class-room not now completed. I would recommend that the determination of the matter be postponed for two months in order that the full demand for accommodations may be ascertained."

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the consideration of the matter be laid over for two months.

Adopted.

Williamsbridge Improvement League.—Protest against the failure of the Superintendent of School Buildings, to meet a Committee of the League to inspect the school sites, as agreed upon. (Minutes pp. 21, 31 and 64.)

The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *February* 17, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: In answer to the protest of the Committee on Schools, Williamsbridge Improvement League, under date of January 31st, that I did not carry out the agreement made when their representatives were present before this Committee, to meet them for joint examination of the school sites of Williamsbridge, etc., would say that I did not understand that I was to meet such a Committee, although such a proposition might have been made at the time I was present, but with nearly all their representatives talking at one time, simultaneously with my endeavoring to answer the questions put to me by the Chairman, it would not be surprising that there might have been some misunderstanding.

I shall be pleased to meet such Committee at any time they may desire, and in order to avoid a misunderstanding in the future, I will give the gentlemen of the League full opportunity to prove their case.

I shall be pleased to have this Committee set a date for the joint examination, choosing a date for any day but Monday or Wednesday.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

Mr. ADAMS moved that the Superintendent of School Buildings be empowered to select his own date to meet such Committee, and that he notify the Committee of the League of the date selected.

Adopted.

Analysis of quarterly reports of inspectors for the Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Fourteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-fifth, Twenty-

seventh, Thirtieth, Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth School Districts.

Referred to the CHAIRMAN and Deputy Superintendents of School Buildings.

Public School 51.—From Martin H. Ray, Principal, recommending that the church property, Nos. 432 and 434 West Forty-fourth street, be rented for use as an annex. (Minutes, pp. 64 and 65.)

The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, and Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson, submitted the following reports:

NEW YORK, *February* 23, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

In relation to the application of the Principal of P. S. 51, Mr. Ray, to rent the church premises Nos. 432–4 W. Forty-fourth street, for an annex to his school, and your request for a report from me "as to the necessity of additional school accommodation for this school," I would say that the hiring of a building in the vicinity of P. S. 51 would greatly relieve that school. There are now four classes in the Grammar Department using rooms that are unsuitable for class purposes, and while there are at present no half-day classes, there will be a large addition to the Primary Department as soon as Spring opens.

In view of these facts I would recommend the hiring of the premises in question, provided, however, the Superintendent of School Buildings reports favorably as to their suitability for school purposes.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

February 23, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: I have examined the Church Building situated at 432–434 West Forty-fourth street, which is offered for an annex to Public School 51, and beg permission to report as follows:

The church has a basement having a ceiling 9 ft. high in the clear, and above that a church auditorium with a gallery on three sides.

The dimensions of the basement floor space that is available for school purposes, are about 50 ft. x 60 ft.—those of the auditorium above somewhat greater.

The building is in fair condition; there is, however, an almost total absence of sanitary provisions. It is heated by a furnace in the basement, there being no cellar. This furnace seems to be of adequate size, but I have not yet had it examined by the Department of Heating and Ventilation.

I note, however, a serious bulge in the rear wall and should be unwilling to accept the building until it has been examined and approved by the Department of Buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ROBINSON,
Deputy Sup't of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the consideration of the matter be laid over.

Adopted.

Public School 106.—From W. J. Perkinson, Janitor, with reference to his absence. (Minutes p. 65).

Deputy Superintendent Robinson, submitted a letter from the

janitor, stating that he has injured himself and that he has placed a competent engineer in charge during his disability.

The consideration of the matter of excusing said absence was laid over.

New Public School 20.—From Miss Mary Maclay, Principal, with reference to placing the school furniture in the new building. (Minutes p. 65).

The Borough Superintendent reported as follows:

"I do not favor any change in the present plan. If, after the furniture is placed, any extra seats can be placed in any of the rooms so as not to interfere with the safety and convenience of the pupils, I recommend that such seats be allowed."

Also, from William W. Simmons, with reference to the arrangement of the furniture in said school.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that this Committee report to the School Board, requesting the Board of Education to have the fifth floor of New Public School 20 fitted up for class room purpose.

Adopted.

The CLERK reported that the Superintendent of School Buildings was not prepared, at this session, to report as to the number of pianos, etc., purchased during the past three years. (Minutes p. 66).

Annex Public School 34.—From the Principals, requesting that an iron railing be placed around the annex for the purpose of protecting the stone work of the building.

The Clerk was directed to inform the Principals of the school in question, that a resolution has been adopted by the Board

requesting the Board of Education to place iron railings around all new buildings.

Adopted.

From the Secretary of the Board of Education, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Corporation Counsel, with reference to proceedings for condemnation of sites, as follows:

LAW DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL,
NEW YORK, *February* 14, 1899.

HON. J. EDWARD SWANSTROM,
President of the Board of Education.

SIR: I have received a communication from the Secretary of your Board, under date of January 26th, enclosing certified copies of resolutions adopted by the Board on January 25th, 1899, as follows:

1. Urging me to use every effort to expedite proceedings for the acquisition of land and premises known as Nos. 34, 36 and 38 Essex street, and No. 29 Norfolk street, adjoining Public School No. 75, in the Borough of Manhattan.

2. Urging me to complete the proceedings now pending for the acquisition of title to four sites for High School purposes.

I have heretofore acknowledged the receipt of copies of the resolutions adopted by the Board on January 11th, 1899, one of which requests me to use every effort to expedite the proceedings for the acquisition of title to four specified sites in the Borough of Manhattan, and the other of which requests me "to conclude all condemnation proceedings which have heretofore been recommended by the Board without further delay."

There are pending in this office at the present time many proceedings for the condemnation of land for streets, parks, public places, bridges, court houses, engine houses, station houses and various purposes other than school site purposes, and it is, therefore, not possible for me, with my present office force, to take

up and progress all of the school site condemnation proceedings at once, although I shall use every effort to conclude all of them at the earliest possible moment.

In view of this situation it would seem to be advisable for your Board to inform me as to the order in which the various sites are desired, to the end that I may take them up and conclude them in the order named.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) JOHN WHALEN,
Corporation Counsel.

Mr. ADAMS moved that the communication be printed in full in the minutes, and that the Borough Superintendent be requested to report to this Board the order in which proceedings to acquire sites now under condemnation, and pending before the Corporation Counsel, should be followed.

Adopted.

Evening School 7.—From Albert Shiels, Principal, with reference to placing electric lights in certain rooms, etc.

Deputy Superintendent Robinson reported that the lights would be furnished during the Summer vacation.

Ordered, That said communication be placed on file.

Inspectors of the 32nd District.—With reference to selecting a site at Brown Place and One hundred and thirty-fifth and One hundred and thirty-sixth streets. (Minutes, pages 38, 48, 54 and 61.)

The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted the following report:

New York, *February* 21, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with your request I examined the proposed school site, as nearly as could be located, One hundred and thirty-fifth and One hundred and thirty-sixth streets and Brown Place, being in the lower part of the Twenty-third Ward.

I find that Brown Place runs parallel with and about two hundred feet west of Brook avenue from One hundred and thirty-eight street south to the Harlem River, and that it is now being opened between One hundred and thirty-fifth and One hundred and thirty-seventh streets, the excavation being through earth and rock. In the absence of the specific location of the proposed site, I have taken it for granted that it was to be on the westerly side of Brown Place and to consist of the unoccupied piece of property being about 200 feet front by 125 feet in depth, the rock and earth at present being zero for about 15 feet above grade. The easterly side of Brown Place should not be considered as the fall easterly is from 33 feet to 18 feet, being a total descent of 18 feet in 200 feet or about 9 per cent.

Unless it be the intention of this Committee to take the entire block bounded by Brook avenue, One hundred and thirty-fifth and One hundred and thirty-sixth streets and Brown Place, consisting of 16 lots, I know of no positive objections to the site barring the presence of rock above grade.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

Referred to Mr. ADAMS.

Public School 55.—From Edgar Vanderbilt, Principal, approving of the selection of a site, Nos. 223–231 West Twenty-first street, running through to West Twenty-second street.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the Superintendent of School Buildings inspect the site in question, also a site on West Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, and report to this Committee the advisability of selecting one of the sites named.

Adopted.

Public School 158.—From the Janitor, Daniel Riordan, for an increased allowance for rent.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the rent allowance of the Janitor of P. S. 158 be increased from $221 to $299 per annum, taking effect on February 1, 1899.

Evening School 2.—From Mrs. Millicent Baum, Principal, asking permission to send for chairs to one of the neighboring schools, at her own expense, for use at the closing exercises of the school on February 28th.

Granted.

From the Borough Superintendent.

NEW YORK, *February* 23, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

A most pressing need for increased school accommodations exists in the districts between One hundred and fourteenth and One hundred and twenty-fifth streets, Eighth and Third avenues.

The monthly reports of Principals show that during January, 1899, there were taught in part time or half day classes as follows:

Public School No.	10, ...	508 pupils.
" "	57, ...	236 "
" "	103, ...	516 "
	Total, . . .	1,260

In the school last mentioned 208 of the part time pupils were in the Male Grammar Department.

The number of children thus furnished with less than the prescribed amount of instruction, is less than the number of pupils in the same schools who are crowded into classes beyond the just limits of the same.

There are at present in course of erection an unusually large number of private residences and apartment houses, making it safe to estimate the necessary increase of school accommodations for the district at about 1,500 yearly. Under these circumstances, it will hardly be possible, with the exercise of the utmost expedition, to provide the requisite school accommodations, and I would urge upon your Committee the advisability of doing all that is possible to hurry the construction of the new school building on One hundred and sixteenth and One hundred and seventeenth streets, and to provide for others as soon as practicable.

I would further call your attention to the fact that of the seven buildings used in this district for school purposes, the following are in part or wholly unsuitable.

Public School 24 located in Madison Hall on Madison avenue near the corner of One hundred and twenty-fifth street. A Girls' Grammar Department of ten classes. Eight of the classes are taught in the audience room formerly known as Madison Hall; six with partitions between the several classes, and two occupying a most uncomfortable position in the gallery.

Public School 95. A building very poorly adapted for school purposes on account of the smallness of the rooms, and lack of ventilation and of light. A Boys' Grammar Department of twelve classes.

Public School 123 is one of the most poorly located and poorly equipped buildings used for school purposes in the Borough of Manhattan. It is located in the immediate neighborhood of a large market on One hundred and twenty-fifth street near Eighth avenue. It is in a generally unsanitary condition, and the ventilation and light are very defective. It is occupied by fourteen classes, eleven primary and three grammar. Such a school should be discontinued as soon as better accommodations can be obtained.

Public School 128 in East One hundred and twenty-fourth street is located in a building formerly used as a store. This building is also unsuitable for school purposes.

The new school at One hundred and twenty-sixth street and St. Nicholas avenue will, when completed, take the place of P. S. 123.

The new building, One hundred and nineteenth street between Second and Third avenues, will take the place of P. S. 128 and of the annex to P. S. 39, and will relieve in part the crowded condition of P. S. 57.

Very respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the communication be returned to the Borough Superintendent with a request that he incorporate the matter in connection with a report he has been requested to make at this session, as to the order in which the sites now pending before the Corporation Counsel should be condemned.

Adopted.

Mr. ADAMS moved that this Committee recommend to the School Board the transfer of the following-named Janitors, to take effect on March 1st, 1899:

School.	Name.	Transferred from
P. S. 142,	Louis Fricke,	P. S. 144.
P. S. 144,	George Bladon,	P. S. 142.

Adopted.

Public School 147.—Mr. ADAMS moved that the Janitor be notified to take charge of the premises No. 267 Henry street, recently leased for a Kindergarten.

Adopted.

Training School.—Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the Borough Superintendent be requested to report to the Chairman of this Committee on or before four o'clock P. M., on Monday, February 27, 1899, whether the portion of the building at present occupied by the N. Y. Training School for Teachers, is not required for the accommodation of pupils; also, whether vacant rooms in any public school building suitable for the Training School and not needed for class-rooms, can be utilized for said Training School.

Adopted.

Public School 128.—From John W. Davis, Janitor, asking for a transfer to one of the new school buildings in the Borough of The Bronx.

Placed on file.

Public School 85.—From the Borough Superintendent, transmitted through Superintendent Snyder, complaining that the janitor does not remove the snow from the school yards.

Ordered, That the janitor be notified to be present at the next session of this Committee.

Public School 108.—From Frances A. Smith, Principal, complaining of the condition in which the janitor keeps the building.

Ordered, That the janitor be notified to be present at the next session of this Committee.

Public School 112.—From Wm. H. Young, reporting the facts in the matter of robbery in said school, on February 17th.

Ordered, That Mr. Young be notified to be present at the next session of this Committee.

Public School 114.—From Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson, reporting that the janitor is in the habit of getting his family meals in the school house, using the kitchen in the basement for the purpose.

Ordered, That the janitor be notified to be present at the next session.

Adopted.

Boys' High School.—From the janitor asking for increase of salary.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Public School 12.—From Mrs. Catharine Major, offering to lease the lot No. 399 Madison street, adjoining P. S. 12.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent, and Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson.

Public School 130.—From A. W. Price, Janitor, asking permission to reside a greater distance than 500 yards from the school premises.

On report of Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the request be granted, provided the premises Mr. Price selects for his residence is within a reasonable distance from the school, and is satisfactory to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Adopted.

Memorial Baptist Church.—From Rev. Edward Judson, offering to place at the disposal of the Board the Hall connected with the Church, should the Board desire to establish a Kindergarten (Location of the Church is Washington Square, south.)

The Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson reported: "I have looked at the room referred to, and found it to be a large room about 60 feet square—that in which the devotional exercises are held, and not the small room in which Kindergartens are now held. The room is sufficiently lighted for Kindergarten purposes, and supplied with one water closet for the girls and two for the boys; these latter must be reached through the gymnasium. I have talked with Dr. Merrill, who suggests that a Kindergarten in this basement might be used in connection with Public School 125."

Referred to the Borough Superintendent.

Public School 29.—From the Borough Superintendent recomending "that in P. S. 29 the room for Kindergarten be removed from the northeast to the southeast corner of the yard for freedom from interruption and for better heat, light and

ventilating, and that the room so changed be fitted up with furniture for first year pupils."

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson for report.

Public School 5.—From the Borough Superintendent suggesting that in order to relieve the pressure in P. D. P. S. 5 that furniture be placed in the Library Room and in the Sewing Room on the fifth floor of the building.

Mr. ADAMS moved that the consideration of the matter be laid over, to be taken up after the roof of said building is placed in a good condition.

Adopted.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 585–587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE (Chairman), and Messrs. ADAMS, LIVINGSTON, O'BRIEN and ROGERS—5.

The minutes of the meeting held February 23, as printed, were approved.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the following three items be withdrawn from the calendar, temporarily:

1. **Public School 7 and New Public School 20.**—From the Public Education Association to use class rooms and indoor playgrounds for use of clubs. (Minutes 1898, pp. 546, 555, 556, 569 and pp. 4, 11, 17, 29, 39, 53, 59, and 67 of 1899.

2. **Outdoor Recreation League.**—To continue the recreation schools on Saturdays; also to establish reading rooms in the evenings. (Minutes 1898, pp. 528, 535, 542, 552, 573, 576 and pp. 5, 11, 13, 20, 29, 39, 53, 59 and 67 of 1899).

3. **Patriotic League.**—With reference to opening a school building two afternoons or evenings each week, for the purpose of admitting children for recreative occupations. (Minutes 1899, pp. 30, 40, 54, 60 and 68).

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would adopt the motion of Mr. Rogers, and it was decided in the affirmative.

Inspectors of the Sixth District.—Requesting that a room be set aside for a meeting room for their Board. (Minutes, pp. 20, 30, 40, 54, 60 and 69).

The CLERK reported that the Inspectors had not, as yet, reported to the Borough Superintendent the selection of a room.

No. 36 Charlton Street.—From Mrs. H. Dorothy Beach, Secretary Board of School Inspectors, Ninth District, with reference to renting the house or parlor floor and basement. For terms see minutes, p. 62. (Minutes, pp. 50, 55, 62 and 69).

The Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson, reported the building as being a three-story brown-stone house 22 ft. 10 in. front and about 50 feet deep; first story comprising three parlors, well suited for use as a kindergarten; front basement room can be used as a cloak room; rooms in the second and third stories are too small to use as class rooms, none being larger than 15 feet square; the house is in excellent condition and furnished with sufficient sanitary provisions, and is heated by a furnace in the cellar.

Laid over, to await a report from the Committee on Studies, as requested February 23.

Half Orphan Asylum Building.—Nos. 58–67 West Tenth street—with reference to offers of Mr. Dazian to rent the same for use as an Annex to the Boy's High School. (Minutes, pp. 56, 63 and 71).

These offers were referred to the Committee on High Schools, January 30. (Minutes, p. 45), and February 6. (Minutes, p. 56).

Analysis of Quarterly Reports of School Inspectors of the 7th, 8th, 9th, 14th, 20th, 25th, 27th, 30th, 33d, and 34th Districts.

The CHAIRMAN submitted a partial report on the recommendations of the Inspectors.

The consideration of the matter was laid over until a complete report is made at the next session of the Committee.

Public School 51.—From Martin H. Ray, Principal, recommending that the church property, Nos. 432 and 434 West Forty-fourth street, be rented for use as an annex. (Minutes, pp. 64, 65 and 73).

For reports of the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, and Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson, see minutes, pp. 73 and 74).

In connection with the above the following reports were received from Mr. Adams, and Deputy Superintendent Robinson:

NEW YORK, *February* 27, 1899.

HON. MORRIS E. STERNE,
Chairman, Committee on Sites and Buildings.

DEAR SIR: I would report that I called at Public School 51 this morning, and that, with Mr. Martin H. Ray, Principal, visited the church premises at 432 and 434 West Forty-fourth street. In view of the fact that the Forty-fourth street school is not excessively overcrowded, and the premises proposed to be rented are not well fitted for school purposes, I would recommend that they be not rented.

In conjunction with this matter I submit a letter to me in which it is stated that the property west of the school is for sale. On inquiry I learn that the property can be bought for $17,000, which price I do not consider excessive. We have now an open space on Forty-fourth street, 100x100, the property having been acquired for light and air and an extension. Either the property No. 51 West Forty-fourth street should be acquired, or else a building should be erected on the open space adjoining Public School 51. If the latter should be deemed wise I personally would recommend that the building should be erected, taking up the whole front of Forty-fifth street, one classroom deep and two or three stories high, with two exits to Forty-fifth street. This would give us either 8 or 12 classrooms.

Respectfully yours,
RICHD. H. ADAMS.

February 27, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: I have examined the lots in the rear of Public School 51 fronting on West Forty-fifth street, the school itself fronting on West Forty-fourth street.

The lots in question have 100 feet frontage on Forty-fifth street, and 100 feet deep. During the past summer the whole surface was concreted.

Should a building be required in this neighborhood there is sufficient area to build an addition of considerable size and still have ample yard space.

Respectfully,
J. B. ROBINSON,
Deputy Supt. of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the matter be referred to the Borough Superintendent for his opinion and judgment.

Adopted.

Public School 106.—With reference to notice from the Janitor, explaining that his absence from duty is caused by an accident (Minutes, pp. 65 and 74.)

Laid over.

Pianos.—The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted the following statement with reference to the number, etc., of pianos purchased during the past three years (Minutes, pp. 66 and 75) viz:

LIST OF PIANOS PURCHASED DURING THE YEARS 1896, 1897 and 1898.

Contracts Awarded	Journal or Minutes Com. on Bldgs.	Contractor	Upright	Cost per Instrument	Square	Cost per Instrument	
April 1, '96.	Jol. p. 477.	Hardman, Peck & Co.			1	$290 00	
July 8, '96.	Jol. p. 1040.	" "	2		3		Bid rejected.
Dec. 2, '96.	Jol. pp. 1593 and 1647.	" "	2	$287 50	3	287 50	Reduced to $1,350.
June 1, '97.	Com. on Bldgs., pp. 330, 348 and 360.	Steinway & Son.			8	265 00	(Rebuilt) P. S. 15, 54, 81, 87, 113 155 and two to P. S. 154.
June 14, '97.	Com. on Bldgs., pp. 330, 348, 375 and 396.	Wm. Knabe & Co.	8	275 00			P. S. 9, 23, 33, 43, 87, 94, 104 and 106.
Oct. 18, '97.	Com. on Bldgs., pp. 662, 687, 709, 726.	" "	4	265 00	5	250 00	Squares—P. S. 93, 152, 156, 116, M. H. S. Uprights—P. S. 116, 123, 141, 145.
Dec. 20, '97.	Com. on Bldgs., pp. 825, 843.	" "	10	265 00	14	250 00	*

Contracts Awarded.	Journal or Minutes Com. on Bldgs.	Contractor	Upright	Cost per Instrument	Square	Cost per Instrument	
Dec. 20,'97.	Com. on Bldgs., pp. 825, 843.	Geo. Steck & Co.	10	$265 00	14	$250 00	*
Nov. 7,'98.	Com. on Bldgs., pp. 205, 260, 381.	" "	18	265 00	7	250 00	*
Nov. 7,'98.	Com. on Bldgs., pp. 205, 260, 281.	Wm. Knabe & Co.	2	265 00	23	250 00	*

* The four last contracts are now under way.

Ordered, That said report be printed in full in the minutes.

Inspectors, Thirty-second District.—Recommending the selection of a site at Brown Place and One hundred and thirty-fifth and One hundred and thirty-sixth streets. (Minutes, pp. 38, 48, 54, 61 and 77). For report of Superintendent of School Buildings, see Minutes, p. 78. For Borough Superintendent report, see Minutes, p. 61.

Referred to Mr. ADAMS.

Public School 55.—With reference to selecting either of the following named sites (Minutes p. 79), viz:

1. Nos. 223–231 West Twenty-first street, running through to Twenty-second street.
2. West Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, between Seventh and Eighth avenues.

Laid over to await report from the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Training School.—The Borough Superintendent submitted the following report as to apartments occupied by the Training School for Teachers:

NEW YORK, *February* 27, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

In the matter of the New York Training School for Teachers, I would report that I know of no vacant rooms in any school building which would properly accommodate this school during the interim between the present time and the completion of the building in which the Training School is to be located permanently,

There are no half-day classes in Public School 1, in which the Training School now is, and there is one classroom, on the

ground floor of the Male Department, without furniture, but application has been made for fitting it up.

In old No. 1 there are two classes of boys, but there are several vacant rooms that may be used for purpose of instruction in case there is greater demand for admission of pupils.

When the Training School is transferred from its present building, classes in the Male and the Female Department of new No. 1 can be reduced in size, provided the supply of teachers is sufficient; but there seems to be no prospect that such supply can be obtained before the Training School building in Harlem is ready for occupancy.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the consideration of said report be laid over, and that the report be printed in the Minutes.

Adopted.

Public School 85.—From the Borough Superintendent, reporting Mr. Hugh Doon, Janitor, for a failure to remove the snow from the school yards.

Mr. Doon was present, and after being heard the complaint was placed on file.

Public School 108.—From the Principal, Miss Frances A. Smith, reporting that the Janitor did not keep the building in a proper condition.

Mr. James F. Doyle, the Janitor, was present, and reprimanded by the Chairman.

Public School 112.—From Wm. H. Young, Janitor, reporting a robbery committed by his assistant, in the school building on the afternoon of February 18th.

Mr. Young was present and reprimanded by the Chairman.

Public School 114.—From Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson, reporting that the Janitor was in the habit of getting his family meals in the school building, using the kitchen in the basement for the purpose.

Mr. Michael J. Malloy, the Janitor, was present and heard, after which the complaint was dismissed.

Boys' High School.—From the Janitor asking for an increase in his salary. (Minutes, p. 83.)

Laid over, to await report of Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Public School 12.—Consideration of the offer of Mrs. Catharine Major to rent the vacant lot, No. 399 Madison street, adjoining P. S. 12. (Minutes, p. 83.)

The following reports were received from the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, and Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson:

NEW YORK, *February* 27, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

In relation to the offer of Mrs. Catharine Major, to lease for school purposes the vacant lot at No. 369 Madison street, adjoining P. S. 12, I would say that after a careful investigation into the needs of this school, I am of the opinion that it is inadvisable to lease the lot under consideration.

Action of a much more radical character should be taken for the protection of light and air for this school building, and for the probable enlargement, which would seem to be required in the near future. On the one side of the school is the vacant lot offered for lease, and on the other side small structures of little value. It would be in the interest of economy to take measures for the condemnation of the adjoining property on each side of P. S. 12, without delay, and I would recommend that such action be taken.

Respectfully,
JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

February 27, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: The lot No. 369 Madison street, adjoining Public School 12, presented for use for school purposes, I have examined and find it to be about 25 feet front by about 100 feet deep.

With regard to renting the said lot, I do not see that such a course would be particularly advantageous. I should, however, be inclined to advise the purchase of it, if possible, with a view of preventing the erection of a tenement house thereupon, which would seriously darken the present school building. If so acquired, an addition to the present school of the width of the lot and about 25 feet deep might be built without depriving any portion of the present building of light and air.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. ROBINSON,
Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the offer be respectfully declined, and that a report be submitted to the School Board, recommending that the Board of Education acquire the plots of ground adjoining P. S. 12, referred to in the Borough Superintendent's report.

Adopted.

Memorial Baptist Church.—From Rev. Edward Judson, placing at the disposal of the Board, the Hall connected with the church, should this Board consider it to be a desirable place to locate a Kindergarten.

The Borough Superintendent reported that there are at present two half-day classes in P. S. 125, in the vicinity of the church, and the hall could be used to advantage to relieve the overcrowding in this grade.

Deputy Superintendent Robinson reported the hall sufficiently lighted for Kindergarten purposes, and supplied with one closet for the girls and two for the boys. (Minutes, p. 84).

Mr. Rogers moved that a report be submitted to the School Board, requesting the Board of Education to accept the liberal offer of Rev. Edward Judson with thanks, and that said Board of Education be requested to have the said hall fitted up for a Kindergarten.

Adopted.

Public School 29.—Recommendation of the Borough Superintendent to remove the Kindergarten room from the northeast to the southeast corner of the yard for freedom from interruption and for better heat, light and ventilation, and that the room so changed be fitted up with furniture for first year pupils. (Minutes, page 84.)

Laid over to await report from Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Public School 5.—From the Borough Superintendent recommending that furniture be placed in the Library Room and the Sewing Room on the fifth floor of the building, to relieve the pressure in the Primary Department. (Minutes, page 85.)

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the rooms in question be furnished as recommended by the Borough Superintendent.

Adopted.

Public School 161.—From the Superintendent of School Buildings, recommending that the salary of the janitor be increased on account of the living apartments in the building having been altered for school purposes:

Present salary,	*Increase,*	*Total salary,*
$1,534 per annum.	$26 per annum.	$1,560 per annum.

Granted, taking effect on October 1, 1898.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the following-named janitors be granted twenty-four hours leave of absence, with full pay, providing they leave a competent person in charge of their respective buildings:

P. S. 2.—John Mullin,
P. S. 93.—Ralph F. Baxter,
P. S. 57.—William F. McCusker,
P. S. 75.—Frederick Meyer,
P. S. 158.—Daniel Riordan,
P. S. 30.—Timothy Regan,
Boys' High School—Thomas Stapleton.

Adopted.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved to recommend to the School Board, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, that the action of the Chairman of this Committee in transferring the following-named janitors be approved:

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January 25th to January 31st, 1899, both inclusive.

Philip Schupbach, from P. S. 160 to P. S. 4.
William Bishop, from P. S. 4 to P. S. 67.

February 1st, 1899.

Philip Schupbach, from P. S. 4 to P. S. 160.
William Bishop, from P. S. 67 to P. S. 4.

Public School 77.—From Miss Julia Richman, Principal, applying to have blackboards placed in room 3, experimentally, of light tinted porcelain or stone. (Minutes, page 24.)

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that there seems to be nothing on the market such as Miss Richman wants, except silicate boards, which she is willing to accept. Silicate can be applied to the present blackboards at a cost of less than $10.

Approved.

Public School 158.—The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted a report fixing the salary of the janitor, as prescribed in the by-laws, at $4,459 per annum, taking effect on February 5, 1899.

Approved.

Public School 160.—The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted a report fixing the salary of the janitor, as prescribed in the by-laws, at $3,744 per annum, taking effect on January 1, 1899.

Approved.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board, for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 583–587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. ADAMS, LIVINGSTON, O'BRIEN and ROGERS—5.

The Minutes of the meeting held February 27, 1899, as printed were approved.

Inspectors for the Sixth District.—Requesting that a room be set aside for a meeting room for their Board. (Minutes, pp. 20, 30, 40, 54, 60, 69 and 88.)

The CLERK reported that the Inspectors had not, as yet, reported to the Borough Superintendent the selection of a room.

No. 36 Charlton Street.—With reference to renting the house or parlor floor and basement—For terms see Minutes, page 62—(Minutes, pp. 50, 55, 62 and 69.)

Laid over to await report from the Committee on Studies as requested February 23.

Half Orphan Asylum Building.—Nos. 58–67 West Tenth street, with reference to offers of Mr. Dazian to rent the same. (Minutes, pp. 56, 63, 71 and 89.)

These offers were referred to the Committee on High Schools, January 30, (Minutes, page 45,) and February 6. Minutes, page 56.

Analysis of quarterly reports of Inspectors:

The Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson, presented the following report on the various subjects referred to in the Quarterly Reports of the School Inspectors, for the 8th, 20th, 25th, 27th, 30th and 32nd Districts.

March 6, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: I beg to submit herewith, report of the Analysis of the Quarterly Reports of the Board of Inspectors.

8th District.

P. S. 22.—The complaint of lack of light on the stairs I have investigated and cannot find what defect it is which is alluded to.

A communication received from Mr. Michel of the Board of Inspectors, dated March 3, 1899, and written in answer to my inquiry says "I have seen my Co-inspectors, but not one of them seems to know anything about such a complaint."

P. S. 15.—Fire escapes have been placed on the front of the Annex. Shades for the front window of the second story of the Annex were ordered on the 13th of December last.

A lounge for the Teachers' room was ordered on the 20th of February.

Two screens were ordered on the 30th of December last. The blackboard, pulleys and ropes requested, have been furnished.

The bells have also been attended to.

The clock alluded to has been repaired.

The ground glass which is asked for in the sashes of four windows in the classrooms on playground floor is already in place.

P. S. 36.—The wall here spoken of is already painted white, and although not as white as when first painted, is not in need of re-painting.

I cannot advise the substitution of glass in the panels of the door leading to the playroom from the main entrance—the insertion of such glass panels would not appreciably improve the light and would disfigure the appearance of the building.

The ladder complained of is not unsafe, but simply flexible, as all ladders of that length are. I will, however, have an iron ladder substituted as soon as possible.

There is no place to be found upon the playroom floor which is available for an office for the janitor. He already has space sufficient for desk room and a chair at the entrance, and it is impossible to provide him with anything more.

With regard to means of exit from the second floor—there is no no space in the small rear yard to introduce the iron stairs that would be required. Moreover, I cannot advocate forming exits from the school buildings upon the property of other parties; such exits now exist in this school, and upon the occasion of my visit were effectually blockaded from the opposite side by banks of snow 4 or 5 feet high, rendering them entirely unavailable in case of emergency.

P. S. 71.—I cannot recommend that the doors be hung on the second floor leading from stairs to classrooms, on account of the obstruction that such doors must present to exit from adjoining classrooms—also because they are now at the head of the stairs that entirely prevent draught from the stairs when closed.

P. S. 131.—The suggestion that 3 feet of the wall in playground be removed I cannot recommend, because the light is cut off same by the church adjoining rather than by the wall in question.

20th District.

P. S. 82.—The leaking steam heaters here spoken of are those in the cold air ducts in the cellar. A contract has been made for their repair.

The bells that are out of order will be repaired as soon as possible.

P. S. 74.—The front stairs of which complaint is made is not as easy as it should be, but it is not at all dangerous, nor should there be any difficulty about using it for rapid dismissals.

P. S. 76.—The book closets and teachers' desks were ordered on December 12, 1898. The platform desk is not required, as the present is in good condition. The shelves for supplies in teachers' rooms I cannot approve, as the latter are crowded enough as it is. In place thereof I have ordered a disused dumb waiter to be fitted up as a closet on each story. A carpet for the Principal's room has been ordered.

25th District.

P. S. 54.—I have examined the condition of this building and cannot find any such condition of the floors and building in general as would justify serious complaint. I would respectfully ask that specific statements be made as to the negligence complained of.

27th District.

P. S. 10.—The wall of the main stairway has been recently cleaned and is now in perfect condition. The walls of the pupils' stairways will be painted during the coming vacation.

30th District.

P. S. 83.—The obstructions here complained of in the yard have been removed.

With regard to placing asphalt in the street, an application has been made to the Department of Highways embodying that request.

32d District.

P. S. 154.–These windows are tight, except in drifting snow storms; that during the violent snow storm the amount of snow that drifted in was very slight.

P. S. 60.—This closet will be provided.

With regard to the erection of a High School, plans are almost completed for one at One hundred and sixty-sixth street and Boston Road.

P. S. 64.—Painting will be done during the summer vacation.

P. S. 65.—A new building is contemplated in place of the present; for this reason it has been deemed advisable to expend a minimum upon repairs.

The contractor has been ordered to repair the bank upon the avenue.

P. S. 66.—This roof has been repaired and is now tight.

P. S. 155.–The old seats complained of were removed some time since.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ROBINSON,

Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Borough of Manhattan.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the Inspectors of the respective districts be notified of the action taken upon the matters referred to in their reports.

Adopted.

Public School 51.—Consideration of the subject of erecting an addition to the school, on the site in Forty-fourth street, owned by the city, size 100x100 feet. (Minutes, pp. 64, 65, 73, 74, 89 and 90.)

The Borough Superintendent presented the following report:

NEW YORK, *March* 6, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

I have before me the proposition of Commissioner Adams, to build an addition to P. S. 51 for the purpose of supplying additional school accommodations for that neighborhood. While I do not see any great objection to the plan proposed, which, I understand, has been reported upon favorably by Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, J. B. Robinson, I consider that a more thorough and far-sighted policy of remedying the congested conditions in the vicinity of this school and district, would require the erection of a large building a few blocks north of P. S. 51, and I therefore recommend such plan for your consideration. Such building should be located west of Tenth avenue, and between Forty-seventh and Fifty-second streets.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the Borough Superintendent be requested to report as to the advisability of erecting an addition to P. S. 51 on the site adjoining, and as recommended by Mr. Adams.

Adopted.

Inspectors of the Thirty-second District.—Recommending the selection of a school site at Brown Place and One hundred and thirty-fifth and One hundred and thirty-sixth streets. (Minutes, pp. 38, 48, 54, 61, 77 and 94.)

Mr. ADAMS, to whom the matter was referred, reported progress.

Public School 106.—With reference to notice from the janitor, explaining that his absence is caused by an accident. (Minutes, pp. 65 and 74.)

Laid over.

Public School 55.—With reference to selecting either of the following named sites: Nos. 223-231 West Twenty-first street, running through to West Twenty-second street—West Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, between Seventh and Eighth avenues. (Minutes, pp. 79 and 94.)

Laid over until Mr. Snyder makes his report.

Training School.—Report of the Borough Superintendent (Minutes, p. 94) with reference to providing accommodation for the school, in other than new Public School 1.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the item be stricken from the calendar.

Adopted.

Boys' High School.—Application of the janitor for an increase in his annual salary. (Minutes, pp. 83 and 96.)

Deputy Superintendent Robinson presented the following report:

March 6, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

With regard to the request of Mr. Thomas F. Stapleton, Janitor of the Boys' High School, for an increase of salary, permit me to report as follows:

The ringing of bells of which he complains, is the ringing of the temporary bell which he is called upon to sound every forty minutes; this bell will be replaced soon by a permanent system of bells, for which estimates are now being obtained. The opening and shutting of the wardrobes is caused by their being situ-

ated in the first story where they must be continually kept locked. Apart from this the work is increased by the double sessions that are now held. The first of these sessions begins at half-past eight in the morning. The Principal, Dr. Buchanan, is present, and visitors call as early as eight o'clock; the pupils also begin coming at that hour, making it difficult for the janitor to do any work after eight in the morning. The recess at noon is employed in the same way, so that work then is out of the question. In the afternoon the second session ends at half-past four. Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ROBINSON,
Deputy Superintendent, School Buildings, Borough of Manhattan.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the application and report be referred to the Committee on High Schools for its opinion and recommendation.

Adopted.

Public School 29.—Consideration of the recommendation of the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, to remove the kindergarten room from the northeast to the southeast corner of the yard. (Minutes, pp. 84 and 98.)

Deputy Superintendent ROBINSON presented the following report:

March 6, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

GENTLEMEN:—At Public School 29, the playroom is shaped like an ell, the angle thereof being the southeast corner.

The Kindergarten is now situated in the north extremity of one of the rooms of the ell, having windows that face the east.

By placing the Kindergarten in the southeast angle of the ell it cuts the playroom into two parts. In addition to this, the southeast windows are the choice windows of the playroom, and while it would undoubtedly be of advantage for Kindergarten

to be placed in the southeast angle, there would be a corresponding disadvantage to the playroom that was left.

Respectfully,

J. B. ROBINSON,
Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the recommendation of the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, as recorded on page 84 of the Minutes, be approved.

Adopted.

Public Education Association.—Asking permission to decorate with pictures and casts, the drawing teachers' room in the High School Annex in P. S. 9; also, certain rooms in P. S. 126 and in new P. S. 1 (Girls' Department).

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the request be granted.

Adopted.

No. 94 James St.—Offer of John F. Farrell to dispose of the property.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the matter be referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings for examination and report.

Adopted.

Public School 81.—Bill of W. J. Oliver, for services as acting janitor, during the month of February, amounting to $153.

Ordered, To recommend to the Borough Board, that the bill be paid.

Public School 136.—From Miss A. A. Brennan, Principal, giving notice that the owner of adjoining lots has commenced

tearing down the houses on them preparatory to building thereon large apartment houses.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings for a prompt report.

Inspectors of the 32d District.—Calling attention to repairs, etc., needed to the heating apparatus in P. S. 60 and 143; also, to the electric system in P. S. 60 and 85.

Referred to Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Borough of the Bronx.

Analysis of the quarterly report of the Inspectors of the Sixteenth District.

Referred to the Chairman and Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

The CHAIRMAN stated that in consequence of the sudden death of Timothy J. O'Brien janitor P. S. 23, he had instructed the janitor of P. S. 108 to take temporary charge of the school.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the consideration of the matter of selecting a janitor for P. S. 23 be laid over until a list of janitors eligible for promotion is presented to the Committee.

Adopted.

Public School 7.—From Albert Shiels, Principal E. S. 7, with reference to placing electric lights in certain rooms, etc. (Minutes, p. 77.)

Mr. ROBINSON, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, presented the following report:

March 6, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: With regard to fitting up Public School 7, used as an Evening School, with electric light, permit me to report I have examined the school and find that the rooms are inadequately lighted with gas lights, eight jets in each room. The stairs also are inadequately lighted with gas.

I entirely approve the granting of Mr. Shiels' request to light the third and fourth stories, also the stairs, but not the play-rooms nor the Primary Department, with electric light.

The cost of doing this work would amount to about $1,500.

The fixtures are not wired for current as at present installed; they would have to be re-wired.

Respectfully,

J. B. ROBINSON,

Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Borough of Manhattan.

Mr. Robinson also made a verbal report to the effect that to wire the entire building would cost $2,475.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the work be done during vacation.

Adopted.

Public School 162.—From Charles F. Norton, janitor, asking that his absence from duty on March 3, from 2 o'clock P. M., be excused.

Granted with pay.

Public School 154.—From William Murphy, requesting that his rent allowance be increased to $360 per annum.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings.

From Mr. J. E. Eustis, submitting for favorable consideration and report a plot for a site in the Borough of The Bronx, corner Tinton avenue and One hundred and sixty-sixth street.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings for examination and report.

Public School 5.—The following communication was received from the Borough Superintendent:

NEW YORK, *March* 6, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

On February 23 I recommended to your Committee that the Library Room and the Sewing Room on the fifth floor of P. S. 5 be fitted up with furniture of the lower grammar grade.

This school is still overcrowded. I understand that there are other unoccupied rooms on the fifth floor of this building which can be divided and made use of for classroom purposes.

I therefore recommend that the matter be referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings, with a view to dividing the fifth floor into as many classrooms as he may deem practicable.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

Mr. ROGERS moved to recommend to the School Board, that a request be made of the Board of Education to have the recommendation of the Borough Superintendent carried out.

Adopted.

Public School 155—From W. F. Lyon, Principal, requesting that Public School Building 155 be completed.

Refered to the Borough Superintendent of Schools.

Public School 78—From John Lundy, Janitor, asking that he be excused for one-half day's absence on March 3d.

Granted with pay.

From F. W. Coar, requesting the use of a room for a class in practical Astronomy.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent of Schools.

Analysis of Quarterly report of the School Inspectors for the Sixteenth District.

Referred to the Chairman and Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Public School 77—From Miss Julia Richman, Principal, requesting that when the rooms in her school are refurnished during the Summer Vacation, that the "Boston" desk be supplied.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the request be referred to the Committee on buildings of the Board of Education.

Adopted.

Public School 77—From Miss Julia Richman, Principal, stating that the premises No. 1637 First avenue, which the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund authorized the Board to acquire by lease, have been leased by the owner to another party, and requesting that the store, No. 1657 First avenue, on S. W. corner of Eighty-sixth street be acquired by lease.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Mr. MORIARTY appeared before the Committee and made an address in which he recommended that proceedings in the matter of condemning the site on the west side of Madison avenue, between One hundred and twenty-seventh and One hundred and twenty-eighth streets be withdrawn.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that this Committee recommend to the School Board, that the Board of Education be requested to stop all proceedings in the matter of condemnation of the site referred by Mr. Moriarty.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the Superintendent of School Buildings report as to the advisability of condemning a site on the East Side of Lexington avenue, between One hundred and twenty-seventh and One hundred and twenty-eighth streets.

Adopted.

Arthur McMullin,
Secretary.

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, No. 146 Grand street, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. ADAMS, LIVINGSTON, O'BRIEN and ROGERS—5.

The Minutes of the meeting held March 6, 1899, were amended on page 113, by adding at the bottom of the page the word "adopted."

The Minutes of the meeting held March 6th as printed and amended were then approved.

Inspectors for the Sixth District.—Requesting that a room be set aside for a meeting room for their Board. (Minutes, pp. 20, 30, 40, 54, 60, 69, 88, 101.)

The CLERK reported that the Inspectors had not, as yet, reported to the Borough Superintendent the selection of a room.

No. 36 Charlton street.—With reference to renting the house or parlor floor and basement.—For terms, see Minutes, p. 62.—(Minutes, pp. 50, 55, 62, 69 and 101.)

Laid over to await report from Committee on Studies, as requested February 23d.

Half Orphan Asylum Building—Nos. 58-67 West Tenth street—With reference to offers of Mr. Dazian to rent the same. (Minutes, pp. 56, 63, 71, 89 and 101.)

These offers were referred to the Committee on High Schools, January 30th (Minutes, p. 45) and February 6th (Minutes, p. 56).

Public School 51.—With reference to erecting an extension to the school, on the site on Forty-fifth street, owned by the city, size 100x100 feet. (Minutes, pp. 64, 65, 73, 74, 89, 90 and 106.)

The Borough Superintendent reported: "That an enlargement of the building would be permissible, provided the extension did not interfere with the light and air of the main building. I would recommend, therefore, that such extension be made, to accommodate as many classrooms as can be formed without interfering with such light and ventilation—particularly as this property was secured for the purpose of ensuring light and ventilation."

Mr. ROGERS moved the Committee recommend to the School Board, to request the Board of Education to erect an extension to P. S. 51, as recommended by the Borough Superintendent.

Adopted.

Inspectors of the Thirty-second District.—Recommending the selection of a school site at Brown place, One hundred and thirty-fifth and One hundred and thirty-sixth streets. (Minutes, pp. 38, 48, 54, 61, 77, 94 and 106.)

Mr. ADAMS, to whom the matter was referred, reported progress.

Public School 106.—With reference to a notice from the janitor explaining his absence is caused by an accident. (Minutes, pp. 65, 74 and 107.)

Laid over.

Public School 55.—With reference to selecting either of the following-named sites: Nos. 223-231 West Twenty-first street, running through to West Twenty-second street. West Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, between Seventh and Eighth avenues. (Minutes, pp. 79, 94 and 107.)

Laid over, until Mr. Snyder makes his report.

Boys' High School.—Application of the Janitor for an increase in his annual salary. (Minutes, pp. 83, 96 and 107.)

The Committee on High Schools, to whom the application was referred, referred the same back to this Committee on the ground "that this matter does not belong to the Committee on High Schools."

Referred to Dr. Buchanan for report.

No. 94 James Street.—Offer of John F. Farrell to dispose of the property.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported: "I have examined the premises No. 94 James street, and find it to be a five-story and basement light brick flat house for twenty families. The premises, however, are not in the rear of the school building, but twenty-five feet to the southward of the rear line."

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the offer be placed on file.

Public School 136.—From Miss A. A. Brennan, Principal, giving notice that the owner of adjoining lots has commenced tearing down the houses on them, preparatory to building thereon large apartment houses. (Minutes, pp. 109 and 110.)

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that he had "examined the premises at the side of Public School 136, in Monroe street, which is now being torn down to erect a tenement thereon. The building being removed, Nos. 64 and 66 Monroe street, now extends back to about an equal distance with

the front wing of the school. Should a tenement house be erected on this property it would darken the westerly side of this school house, there being 7′1″ between the two properties. This will bring up the question as to whether or not this building is to be continued as a school after the erection and occupancy of the new building to be erected at Market and Monroe streets, the contract for which has now been let. The new building will be but six houses to the west of the present school and upon the same block."

The Borough Superintendent reported as follows:

In relation to the necessity for the continuance of P. S. 136 after the completion of the building at Market and Monroe streets, I would say that the number of classes in P. S. 136 and in P. S. 149, which is now occupying a temporary school building, is but one less than the whole number of classrooms provided in the plans for the Market street school.

Besides this, the classes in P. D. 2, a school very near P. S. 136, are larger than they should be if sufficient accommodations could be supplied.

The population in this neighborhood is steadily and rapidly increasing.

From these facts it appears that it will be necessary to retain P. S. 136 and, consequently, to secure such adjoining property as shall be necessary to preserve both light and ventilation.

I would recommend, therefore, that measures be taken to secure sufficient property as to ensure good light and free ventilation for P. S. 136.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

Mr. ROGERS moved, that the Borough Superintendent reporting that P. S. 136 will be required when the new building at Market and Monroe streets is completed, a report be submitted to the Board recommending that the property adjoining the west side of the school be acquired.

Adopted.

Analysis of quarterly report of the Inspectors of the Sixteenth District. (Minutes, p. 110.)

Deputy Superintendent Robinson presented the following report:

March 13, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: Report upon the Analysis of the Board of Inspectors, dated March 1st.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 27.—The bells of the school are out of order as stated, but orders were given some time ago for their thorough repair.

A carpet for the teachers' room has also been ordered.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 73.—Only one glass door closet is required and this has been ordered.

The stable in the rear of this school of which complaint is made is somewhat objectionable, but not more so than a stable must be; moreover, the rooms nearest to it and which are chiefly troubled by the emanations therefrom, have windows on two sides, being corner rooms, and it is therefore possible at all times to exclude the vapors by opening the windows on the side away from the stable.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ROBINSON,

Deputy Superintendent, School Buildings, Borough of Manhattan.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the inspectors of the respective districts be notified of the action taken upon the matters referred to in their reports.

Adopted.

Public School 23.—The matter of selecting a janitor for this school, was again laid over. (Minutes, page 111.)

Public School 154.—From Wm. Murphy, Janitor, asking that his rent allowance be increased to $360 per annum. (Minutes, page 112.)

Laid over, to await Mr. Snyder's report.

The consideration of Mr. Eustis' recommendation of a plot for a site, corner Tinton avenue and One hundred and sixty-sixth street, was laid over to await Mr. Snyder's report. (Minutes, page 112.)

Public School 155.—From Mr. W. F. Lyon, Principal, requesting that the school building be completed. (Minutes, page 112.)

The Borough Superintendent reported that in his "judgment, immediate steps should be taken toward the completion of the said building. This school is growing beyond the capacity of the present building, and the rapid growth of the neighborhood demands that additional accommodations be provided at an early date."

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved to report to the Board, to recommend to the Board of Education that the school building be completed.

Adopted.

From Mr. F. W. Coar, requesting the use of a room for a class in Practical Astronomy. (Minutes, page 113.)

The Borough Superintendent reported as follows:

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

In relation to the application of Mr. F. W. Coar for permission to use a classroom in the Girl's High School, I would say that this is but one of the many similiar applications that have come under my notice since my election as City Superintendent of Schools, in 1879, and which have regularly been denied.

The applicant is the inventor and publisher of some astronomical charts, and, naturally, he desires to bring them to the attention of teachers. To do this he asks the School Board, or some one acting under its authority, to allow him to use a room in one of our school buildings. From a careful reading of the statements of the applicant, the situation appears to be the following:

Mr. Coar will give free lectures to teachers.

Each attendant will be furnished with a set of charts for use during the course.

The continued use of these charts after the completion of the course would appear to be necessary; if not necessary, certainly very desirable for those who had taken the course.

Conclusion deducted: A means of enlargement of the business of the applicant; or, very likely, a most charitable endeavor to open a volunteer normal school for our teachers—with no future monetary advantage in view.

I recommend that the application be denied.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,

Borough Superintendent.

MR. ROGERS moved that the application be denied.

Adopted.

Public School 77.—From Miss Julia Richman, Principal, stating that the premises No. 1637, which the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund authorized the Board to acquire by lease, have been leased to another party, and requesting that the store No. 1657 First avenue be rented. (Minutes, p. 113.)

Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings Mr. Morgan reported that the premises No. 1657 First avenue are already rented to other parties.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the item be stricken from the calendar.

Adopted.

Public School 41.—From Michael F. Hynes, janitor, asking for a transfer.

Ordered, To be placed on file.

Public Education Association.—Calling attention to the amendment to the Charter, Section 1055 (see Chap. 652, Laws of 1898), which places the school buildings under the care and control of the Board of Education and the School Boards, "for the purposes of public education, *recreation and other public uses*," and renewing their request for more accommodation for evening clubs in New P. S. 20, for use of four classrooms and the playground on Saturday nights from 8 to 10 o'clock, and playground on Wednesday nights from 7 to 10 o'clock; also, that the School Board shall pay the janitor, and that one paid attendant shall be at the schools every club night.

Mr. ROGERS moved that this Committee recommend to the School Board that the application be granted, as an experiment, the Association to pay all expenses for cleaning and attendance, this Committee reserving the right to discontinue the use of the schools at its discretion, an agreement to be prepared and approved.

Adopted.

Public School 68.—From Edwin T. Rice, Inspector, with reference to the westerly window in one of the classrooms on the upper floor.

Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan reported that a shade had been ordered for this window.

Approved.

Public School 160.—From the Borough Superintendent, recommending that Room 1, on the second floor, originally designed for a kindergarten, be fitted up with furniture and used

as a primary classroom. This action is necessary to relieve the pressure on the said school, and to provide accommodations for pupils of the primary grades.

Mr. ROGERS moved the recommendation of the Borough Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 62.—From the Borough Superintendent recommending that the two-floor building adjoining P. S. 62, and in possession of this Board, be fitted up for a gymnasium and equipped for classes in cooking, and that a bridge be constructed connecting the said building with the main school building.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings for report.

Public School 112.—From Noah C. Rogers, offering to sell property adjoining the school.

The Borough Superintendent recommended that the lot at the north of the building be secured and that a space 25 feet in depth be also secured.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved to recommend to the School Board the acquisition of premises Nos. 81 and 89 Roosevelt street, and the small plot 25 feet in the rear.

Adopted.

Public School 10.—From Miss Hester A. Roberts, Principal, requesting that lots acquired, south and west of the school be utilized as a double-decked playground; also, for bookcase; boxes for desk; to have lounge repaired; to put in electric bells; shelving for closet; and several other small articles including a new piano.

Referred to the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education.

Public School 39.—Miss M. A. Clark, Principal, P. D., requesting that ground glass be placed in the door of the new room.

Approved.

Public School 29.—From the Principal, Jas. J. Smith, requesting that four new clocks be placed in said school.

Approved and referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Public School 155.—From Mr. W. F. Lyon, Principal, requesting that certain painting be done; also that a door be cut into each of the partitions in rooms 5 and 45.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported, verbally, adverse to selecting a site on the east side of Lexington avenue, between One hundred and twenty-seventh and One hundred and twenty-eighth streets, and substituted a site on One hundred and twenty-ninth street, between Fifth and Lenox avenues.

The Borough Superintendent submitted a numerical list giving the order in which proceedings in the matter of acquiring title to sites, by the Corporation Counsel, should be taken.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the report of Mr. Jasper, giving the numerical order in which sites, proceedings for acquisition of which are now pending with the Coroporation Counsel, be approved, with the exception of the site on Madison avenue, One hundred and twenty-seventh and One hundred and twenty-eighth streets, and that a site on One hundred and twenty-ninth street, between Fifth and Lenox avenues be substituted for the same, and that the matter be reported to the Board.

Adopted.

Mr. O'Brien moved to recommend to the Board that a site on One hundred and twenty-ninth street, between Fifth and Lenox avenues (dimensions to be printed with the report), be acquired for school purposes.

Adopted.

Public School, 135.—From Mrs. Emma H. Alling, Principal, requesting that a telephone connection to each floor and the kindergarten, be installed in the school.

Deputy Superintendent Robinson reported "that some mode of communication is necessary. A telephone is impracticable.... A complete system of speaking tubes will be installed as soon as possible."

Mr. O'Brien moved that the Deputy Superintendent, Mr. Robinson, cause to have speaking tubes or bells installed in Public School 135.

Adopted.

Central Opera House—Sixty-seventh street, East of Third avenue.—Mrs. Mary E. Schoen, offering the Opera House for school purposes.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings for report.

Public School 128.—From Edward Rothschild, in which he states that his final agreement to renew the lease of the premises, was for five years at an annual rental of $3,750 per annum, and water rent, and not for $3,750 per annum, for three years with privilege of a renewal for one or two additional years, as adopted by the School Board and Board of Education, and approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

Mr. O'Brien moved that all the facts in the case be reported to the Board, and that the Board of Education be requested to

make application to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, to renew the lease in question for five years at an annual rental of $3,750, and water rent.

Adopted.

Inspectors of the Thirty-second District.—With reference to needed repairs to the heating apparatus in Public Schools 60 and 143; also, the electric system in Public Schools 60 and 85.

The Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Borough of The Bronx, submitted a report from Mr. McMannis, Engineer Assistant to the Superintendent of School Buildings, in which he states that the leak on the back stairs of Public School 60, was caused by some mischievous boy turning of the return valve, which could easily have been remedied had the Inspector called the janitor's attention to the matter. With reference to the heating apparatus in Public School 143, everything is entirely safe. The bell work in Public School 85, will have to be rewired, and will be temporarily repaired to make them last until vacation. Specifications have been made out to put the bell and clock system in Public School 60, in perfect repair.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the matter be recommended to the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Adopted.

Public School 3.—From the Superintendent of School Buildings, reporting that on March 1, 1899, the janitor of P. S. 3 vacated the premises, No. 11 Grove street, owned by the Board, as the same are being improved; and recommending that his rent allowance be fixed at $299 per annum, taking effect March 1, 1899.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the recommendation of the Superintendent of School Buildings be adopted.

Adopted.

Mr. ROGERS moved that in cases of emergency, the Chairman is hereby authorized to place a janitor, temporarily, in charge of a public school, until an appointment or transfer can be made.

Adopted.

The following-named duplicate bill was approved for payment, the original having been filed with the Comptroller, June 9, 1898, and the Deputy Comptroller stating that the voucher appears to be lost, and suggesting that a duplicate voucher be forwarded:

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES WARD SCHOOLS—REPAIRS—1896.

The Consolidated Lehigh Slate Co., Lt'd.—June 11, 1896. Slate blackboards, P. S. 41, ... $23.99

Public School 55.—Mr. G. E. Woolfe, janitor, was excused for absence, with pay, on March 7th.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 585–587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. ADAMS, LIVINGSTON, O'BRIEN and ROGERS—5.

The Minutes of the meeting held March 13, 1899, as printed, were approved.

Inspectors for the Sixth District.—Requesting that a room be set aside for a meeting room for their Board. (Minutes, pp. 20, 30, 40, 54, 60, 69, 88, 101 and 115.)

The CLERK reported that the Inspectors had not, as yet, reported to the Borough Superintendent the selection of a room.

No. 36 Charlton St.—With reference to renting the house or parlor floor and basement. For terms see Minutes, p. 62. (Minutes, pp. 50, 55, 62, 69, 101 and 115.)

A communication was received from the Committee on Studies approving of the recommendation of Mrs. Beach, Secretary, Board of School Inspectors of the Ninth District, to rent the house No. 36 Charlton street, or a portion of it, for Kindergarten purposes.

Mr. ROGERS moved to report to the School Board, recommend-

ing that the Board of Education rent the parlor and basement floors of the premises in question for Kindergarten purposes.

Adopted.

Half Orphan Asylum Building.—Nos. 58-67 West Tenth street. With reference to the offers of Mr. Dazian to rent the same. (Minutes, pp. 56, 63, 71, 89, 101 and 116.)

These offers were referred to the Committee on High Schools, January 30 (Minutes, p. 45) and February 6, (Minutes, p. 56).

Inspectors of the Thirty-second District.—Recommending the selection of a school site at Brown Place, One hundred and thirty-fifth and One hundred and thirty-sixth streets. (Minutes, pp. 38, 48, 54, 61, 77, 94, 106 and 116.)

Mr. ADAMS reported progress.

Public School 106.—With reference to a notice from the Janitor explaining that his absence is caused by an accident. (Minutes, pp. 65, 74, 107 and 116.)

Laid over.

Public School 55.—With reference to selecting either of the following-named sites: Nos. 223-231 West Twenty-first street, running through to West Twenty-second street; West Ninteenth and Twentieth streets, between Seventh and Eighth avenues. (Minutes, pp. 79, 94, 107 and 116.)

Laid over, to be considered when Mr. Snyder reports.

Boys' High School.—Application of the Janitor for an increase in his annual salary. (Minutes, pp. 83, 96, 107 and 117.)

Laid over, to be considered when Dr. Buchanan reports.

Public School 23.—The matter of selecting a Janitor for this school, was again laid over. (Minutes, pp. 111 and 119.)

Public School 154.—From Wm. Murphy, Janitor, asking that his rent allowance be increased to $360 per annum.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the rent allowance for the Janitor of this school be increased from $247 to $299 per annum, taking effect on April 1, 1899.

Adopted.

The consideration of Mr. Eustis' recommendation of a plot for a site corner Tinton avenue and One hundred and sixty-sixth street, was laid over to await Mr. Snyder's report. (Minutes, pp. 112 and 120.)

Public School 62.—From the Borough Superintendent recommending that the two-floor building adjoining P. S. 62, and in possession of this Board, be fitted up for a gymnasium and equipped for classes in cooking, and that a bridge be constructed connecting the said building with the main school building. (Minutes, p. 123.)

Laid over, to be considered when Mr. Snyder reports.

Central Opera House.—Sixty-seventh street, east of Third avenue, Mrs. Mary E. Schoen offering the Opera House for school purposes. (Minutes, p. 125.)

Laid over, to be considered when Mr. Snyder makes his report.

Public School 28.—Miss Kate A. Walsh, Principal, requesting that a bookcase be placed in the "Teachers' Room" of the Primary Department.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the application be approved, and that Deputy Superintendent Robinson be authorized to supply the same.

Adopted.

Site east side Lexington avenue, between One hundred and twenty-seventh and One hundred and twenty-eighth streets.—The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *March* 16, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings,
School Board, Manhattan and The Bronx.

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with your request I have examined the property on the east side of Lexington avenue, between One hundred and twenty-seventh and One hundred and twenty-eighth streets, as to the advisability of acquiring it for a school site.

I would respectfully state that I disapprove of such a selection, as there are planing and other mills on the north side of One hundred and twenty-eighth street, which, with the noise of the traffic due to Lexington avenue being the westerly approach to the Third avenue bridge, would render the site in my judgment, unsuitable.

Respectfully,
C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

Verbal report as above was made to the Building Committee March 13, 1899. C. B. J.

Ordered, That said report be printed in full in the Minutes.

Public School 6.—Inspectors of the Twenty-fourth District, recommending that the pool of stagnant water in the vacant lot in the rear of Public School 6, be removed without delay.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson for report.

Public School 6.—Inspectors Twenty-fourth District, with reference to granting an application made to them by the Alumni Association, for the use of the gymnasium in Public School 6 (Male Department) for about two evenings in the week during about seven months in the year.

Mr. Rogers moved that the request be denied, it being the policy of this Board not to authorize the use of the public school premises for purposes other than those directly connected with public school system.

Adopted.

Public School 53.—Inspectors Twenty-fourth District, with reference to substituting new furniture in the room of the assistant to the Principal in the Primary Department; also, calling attention to the light in those rooms of the same department that constitute the rear portion of the assembly room, which when divided is used as classrooms.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Public School 77.—Inspectors of the Twenty-fourth District, recommending the transfer of the Janitor.

Ordered, That said recommendation be placed on file.

Public Schools 96 and 53.—Inspectors of the Twenty-fourth District, recommending that the streets in front of Public School 96, and the rear of Public School 53 be asphalted.

Ordered, That the Inspectors be notified of the resolution of the Board requesting the Commissioner of Highways to asphalt the streets in front of all public schools.

Public School 137.—Inspectors of the Second District, adverse to granting permits to erect stands on the sidewalks, immediately in front of the school (old Essex Market).

Ordered, That the Inspectors be notified that this Committee concurs in their views.

Public School 2.—Inspectors of the Second District, recommending that a building be hired in the immediate neighborhood to relieve the crowded condition of the Primary Department.

Ordered, That said communication be placed on file.

Analysis of the quarterly report of the Inspectors of the Twelfth District.

Referred to the Chairman and Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Public School 19.—From the Committee on Studies, approving the fitting up of three rooms on the top floor of the school, for the period of one year, and at the end of that time, the said rooms be used for a gymnasium only.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent for report.

Deputy Superintendent Robinson presented the following report:

March 20, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: Hereto is attached a statement of Schools in which there are wardrobes in the halls unprotected by locks.

In certain parts of the city thefts of clothing have occurred, and it is hardly possible to detect the offenders, who are usually outsiders, as they can slip in with pupils, and go out at any time without hindrance, wearing the stolen clothes.

I would respectfully suggest that locks should be placed on all of the unprotected wardrobes, subject to the approval of the Borough Superintendent.

	Wardrobes		Wardrobes
P. S. 1	66	P. S. 4	4
" 8	5	" 7	3
" 29	4	" 15	1
" 23	9	" 20	51
" 67	10	" 42	61
" 69	5	" 88	4
" 51	12	" 147	48
" 9	8	" 137	16
" 93	6	" 160	40
" 10	13		

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ROBINSON,

Deputy Superintendent School Buildings, Borough of Manhattan.

Ordered, That said report be referred to the Borough Superin-

tendent for a report as to the advisability of placing locks on the wardrobes referred to, taking into consideration the fact that fire drills are constantly being held in these buildings.

Public School 10.—From Ernest R. Birkins, Principal, with reference to placing partitions, with sash for glass instead of screens; also, that a partition with doors, sash, etc., be constructed so as to form a general hallway for the floor on which the gymnasium was located and which has been temporarily fitted up for classes; also, that the belt connected with the ventilating apparatus be covered.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the application be referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson for report as to doors and screens, and that he be instructed to have the belt referred to, covered.

Adopted.

From T. J. McGuire, Jr., offering to rent the store and basement of No. 1454 Amsterdam avenue, for school purposes, the premises No. 1458 Amsterdam avenue having been rented to other parties.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent for report.

Boys' High School.—The CHAIRMAN reported that he had authorized Dr. Buchanan, Principal, to use the basement of the school on March 17th, after 3 o'clock P. M.

Approved.

Outdoor Recreation League.—Requesting that in furnishing the top floor of new P. S. 20, the gymnasium be preserved.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the request be referred to the Borough Superintendent for a report as to whether the gymnasium should be preserved, or whether thirteen rooms without utilizing the gymnasium space, or seventeen rooms utilizing the gymnasium space should be furnished.

Adopted.

Public School 33.—From Mrs. Alida S. Williams, Principal, requesting that a kitchen be erected upon the roof of the annex to said school.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent for report.

Public School 127.—From Miss Clara American, Principal, asking for a piano for use in the Kindergarten, and sundry repairs and alterations in the school building.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Public School 150.—From the Superintendent of School Buildings as follows:

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: The building No. 306 East Ninety-sixth street, an annex to P. S. 150, was placed in charge of the Janitor on Monday, March 13th, 1899, and the minimum salary of $533 should be added to his present salary, making salary of Janitor of P. S. 150 $1,833 per annum, taking effect on March 13, 1899.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,

Superintendent of School Buildings.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the report of the Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,

Secretary.

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 585–587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. ADAMS, LIVINGSTON, O'BRIEN and ROGERS—5.

The Minutes of the meeting held March 20, as printed, were approved.

Inspectors for the Sixth District.—Requesting that a room be set aside for a meeting room for their Board. (Minutes, pp. 20, 30, 40, 54, 60, 69, 88, 101 and 115.)

The CLERK reported that the Inspectors had not, as yet, reported to the Borough Superintendent the selection of a room.

Half Orphan Asylum Building, Nos. 59–67 West Tenth street. With reference to the offers of Mr. Dazian to rent the same (Minutes, pp. 56, 63, 71, 101 and 116).

These offers were referred to the Committee on High Schools, January 30th (Minutes, p. 45) and February 6th (Minutes, p. 56).

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported, verbally, that the question of occupying the premises for school purposes was pending before Mr. Brady, Superintendent of the Department of Buildings, for an opinion as to whether the premises can be used, without violating the building law.

Inspectors for the Thirty-Second District.—Recommending the selection of a school site at Brown Place, One hundred and thirty fifth and One hundred and thirty-sixth streets (Minutes, pp. 38, 48, 54, 61, 77, 94, 106 and 116).

Mr. ADAMS reported progress.

Public School 106.—From William J. Perkinson, Janitor, requesting that his absence for nine days in February and twelve days in March, caused by an accident while in the performance of his duty, be excused with pay (Minutes, pp. 65, 74, 107 and 116).

Mr. ROGERS moved that the absence of Mr. Perkinson be excused, with pay.

Adopted.

Public School 55.—With reference to selecting either of the following-named sites: Nos. 223–231 West Twenty-first street, running through to West Twenty-second street; West Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, between Seventh and Eighth avenues (Minutes, pp. 79, 94, 107 and 116).

Laid over, to be considered when Mr. Snyder reports.

Boys' High School.—Application of the janitor for an increase in his annual salary (Minutes, pp. 83, 96, 107, 117 and 130).

A report was received from Dr. Buchanan, Principal of the school, describing the duties performed by Mr. Stapleton, Janitor, and recommending that the janitor's salary be increased to such an amount as would enable him to employ an additional assistant, at an amount, possibly, of $40 a month.

The Superintendent of School Buildings recommended that the janitor's salary be increased $40 per month, or such amount as the Committee may deem proper.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the Superintendent of School Buildings report to this Committee the exact amount of additional salary the janitor should receive.

Adopted.

Public School 23.—The matter of selecting a Janitor for this school was again laid over. (Minutes, pp. 111 and 119.)

The consideration of Mr. EUSTIS' recommendation of a plot for a school site corner Tinton avenue and One hundred and sixty-sixth street, was laid over to await Mr. Snyder's report. (Minutes, pp. 112 and 120.)

Public School 62.—From the Borough Superintendent recommending that the two-floor building adjoining, and in possession of this Board, be fitted up for a gymnasium and equipped for classes in cooking; also, that a bridge be constructed connecting the said building with the main school building. (Minutes, p. 123.)

Laid over, to be considered when Mr. Snyder reports.

Central Opera House, Sixty-seventh street, east of Third avenue.—Mrs. Mary E. Schoen, offering the Opera House for school purposes. (Minutes, p. 125.)

Laid over, to be considered when Mr. Snyder makes his report.

Public School 6.—From the Inspectors of the Twenty-fourth District. recommending that the pool of stagnant water in the vacant lot in the rear, be removed without delay. (Minutes, p. 132.)

Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings Mr. Robinson reported that the lots in the rear have been excavated in portions without building, before condemnation proceedings were begun, and in consequence a pool of water usually stands in them. Men employed by the owner of the lots were engaged in pumping the

water out. He recommends that as soon as title is obtained to the lots, they should be covered with concrete, properly enclosed and used as an additional playground.

Ordered, That said communication and report be placed on file.

Public School 53.—From the Inspectors of the Twenty-fourth District, with reference to substituting new furniture in the room of the Assistant to the Principal in the Primary Department; also, calling attention to the light in those rooms of the same department that constitute the rear portion of the Assembly room, which, when divided, is used as classrooms. (Minutes, p. 133.)

Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson reported that new furniture was not needed in the room referred to in Public School 53, and that the complaint as to light in the lower rooms had been remedied by the introduction of electric lights.

Ordered, That said communication and report be placed on file.

Analysis of the quarterly report of the Inspector of the Twelfth School District. (Minutes, p. 134.)

The Chairman and Deputy Superintendent Robinson to report.

Public School 19.—From the Committee on Studies, approving the fitting up of three classrooms on the top floor of P. S. 19, for the period of one year, and at the end of that time, the said rooms be used for a gymnasium only. (Minutes, pp. 41 and 134.)

The Borough Superintendent reported that on January 30th (Minutes, pp. 41 and 42) he recommended the fitting up of the three rooms in questions. With regard to discontinuing their use for classroom purposes at the end of the year, approving of their use as a gymnasium at that time if the conditions then existing should warrant the change.

Mr. Rogers moved that the recommendation of the Committee on Studies and Borough Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

Locks on Wardrobe Doors.—See report of Deputy Superintendent Robinson (Minutes, p. 134.)

The Borough Superintendent reported that the placing of locks on the wardrobe doors in the schools named in Mr. Robinson's report would not in any way interfere with the fire drills as they are to be given under directions set forth in a circular a copy of which will be filed with the Committee when printed.

Ordered, That said report be placed on file.

Public School 10.—From Ernest R. Birkins, Principal, with reference to placing partitions, with sash for glass instead of screens; also, that a partition with doors, sash, etc., be constructed so as to form a general hallway for the floor on which the gymnasium was located and which has been temporarily fitted up for classes. (Minutes, p. 135.)

Laid over, to be considered when Deputy Superintendent Robinson reports.

No. 1454 Amsterdam Avenue.—Offer of T. J. McGuire, Jr., to rent the store and basement, for school purposes; No. 1458 Amsterdam avenue, selected by the Board, having been rented to other parties. (Minutes, p. 135.)

The Borough Superintendent reported that the conditions now existing in Public School 43 do not make necessary the securing of additional accommodations at this date—March 27th.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the offer be declined.

Adopted.

Outdoor Recreation League.—Requesting that in furnishing the top floor of new Public School 20, the gymnasium be preserved. (Minutes, p. 135.)

The Borough Superintendent reported that in his opinion one-

half of the gymnasium might be left, for the present, for physical exercise. The other half of the gymnasium and as much of the remainder of the top story as can be made available should be fitted up for the purposes of class instruction, thereby providing fifteen classrooms.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the recommendation of the Borough Superintendent be approved and that one-half of the gymnasium be retained until such time as the same may be needed for classroom purposes.

Adopted.

Ordered, That the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education be notified of the above action.

Public School 33.—From Mrs. Alida S. Williams, Principal, requesting that a kitchen be erected upon the roof of the annex to said school. (Minutes, page 136.)

Deputy Superintendent Robinson reported that the walls are too light to permit any addition to the height of this portion of the building, but that it would be quite possible, however, to build such room of steel framework covered with galvanized iron and filled with fireproof material.

Laid over to be considered when Mr. Jasper makes his report.

Public School 127.—From Miss Clara American, Principal, asking for a piano for use in the kindergarten. (Minutes, p. 136.)

Mr. ROGERS moved that the recommendation be placed on file.

Adopted.

The absences of the janitors of the following-named schools were excused with full pay:

PUBLIC SCHOOL 52.—February 14th, 15th and 16th.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 109.—One day between March 25th and April 3d.

Public School 155.—From Mr. W. F. Lyon, Principal, for permission to permit a framework, upon which specimens of drawings by the pupils of his school are mounted, to remain at the head of the first flight of stairs.

Granted.

Williamsbridge Improvement League.—Protest against the failure of the Superintendent of School Buildings to meet a committee of the League to inspect school sites, as agreed upon. (Minutes, pp. 21, 31, 64, 71 and 72.)

The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted a report that on March 24th he had met a committee of the League and inspected the sites in question, and that a committee of the League would appear before this Committee at its meeting to be held March 27, 1899.

A committee of the League consisting of the following-named gentlemen appeared before the Committee and advocated the erection of a school building on the site now in possession of the Board, located at Elliott avenue and Julianna street: Dr. George P. Schermer, Mr. Henry Lips, Jr., Mr. Patrick Butler and Mr. Alexander U. Mayer.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that it is the opinion of this Committee that a school building should be erected on the site in question, as originally intended.

Adopted.

Public School 181.—From the Borough Superintendent, stating: "That with regard to the impossibility of securing a foundation for a building on the Sixty-fifth street front of the site intended for Public School 181, I would respectfully amend my recommendation of the 13th inst., to provide for the erection of an eighteen class building on the Sixty-fifth street front."

Approved.

Nos. 58 and 60 West One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Street.—From Alex. Jay Bruen, declining to sign a lease of the premises for the sum of $840 per annum claiming that his agreement was for $1,200 per annum and water rent; declining to keep the premises in repair; also, requiring the Board at the expiration of the lease to leave the premises in the same condition as they were when the Board took possession.

Ordered, That Mr. Bruen be notified that the Board of Education, on recommendation of this Board had submitted an amended report to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, renting the premises at an annual rental of $1,200 and water rent.

Public School 49.—Fram the Inspectors of the Fourteenth School District, protesting against the removal of the sliding doors or partitions in the Girls' Grammar Department of Public School 49.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Public School 49.—From the Inspectors of the Fourteenth District, recommending that a clothing closet be placed in the basement room to the left of the main entrance.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Public School 100, Annex.—From the Superintendent of School Buildings reporting that the Annex of Public School 100 having been placed in charge of the janitor of Public School 100 on December 15th, 1898, the Janitor was entitled to receive the minimum salary for the Annex, $533 per annum, taking effect on that date, without rent allowance.

Mr. Rogers moved that the additional salary allowance as reported by Mr. Snyder be allowed, taking effect on December 15, 1898.

Adopted.

High Schools.—Mr. O'BRIEN moved that in view of the fact that the building to be erected for the Mixed High School should be extended, and, consequently, additional ground should be secured; also, the necessity for securing a site and erecting thereon a Commercial High School Building, the Committee on Finance of the Board of Education be requested to report to this Committee as to the financial ability to proceed in the matter, and if the Board has not the financial ability, said Committee on Finance take into consideration the propriety of having a bill drafted for presentation to the Legislature, covering an amount which is deemed imperatively necessary.

Adopted.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 585–587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. ADAMS, LIVINGSTON, O'BRIEN and ROGERS—5.

The Minutes of the meeting held March 27th, as printed, were, on motion of Mr. ROGERS, amended as follows:

Page 139, strike out the first three lines on top of the page and insert:

"Mr. ROGERS moved that this Committee recommend to the School Board, that the salary of the Janitor of the Boys' High School be increased $520 per annum, and that the by-laws be suspended for the purpose."

Page 144, amend the last item, fixing the salary of the Janitor of Public School 100 for care of the Annex, by striking out the date "December 15th" and inserting in lieu thereof "December 14th."

Mr. O'BRIEN moved to amend his motion found on page 145, by striking out from the last three lines the words "having a bill drafted for presentation to the Legislature, covering an amount which is deemed imperatively necessary," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "applying to the proper authorities for an amount which is deemed imperatively necessary."

Adopted.

The Minutes of the meeting held March 27th, as printed and amended, were then approved.

Inspectors for the Sixth District.—Requesting that a room be set aside for a meeting room for their Board. (Minutes, pp. 20, 30, 40, 54, 60, 69, 88, 101, 115, 129 and 137.)

The CLERK reported that the Inspectors had not, as yet, reported to the Borough Superintendent the selection of a room.

Half Orphan Asylum Building, Nos. 59–67 West Tenth street.—With reference to the offers of Mr. Henry Dazian to rent the same. (Minntes, pp. 56, 63, 71, 101, 116, 130 and 137.)

These offers were referred to the Committee on High Schools, January 30th (Minutes, p. 45), and February 6th (Minutes, p. 56).

The Superintendent of School Buildings stated that he had reported to the Committee on High Schools that Superintendent Brady, of the Department of Buildings, refused his consent to permit the premises to be occupied for school purposes.

Mr. ROGERS moved that Mr. Dazian be notified of the fact as reported by the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Adopted.

Inspectors for the 32d District.—Recommending the selection of a site at Brown Place, One hundred and thirty-fifth and One hundred and thirty-sixth streets (Minutes, pp. 38, 48. 54, 61, 77, 94, 106, 116 and 138).

Mr. ADAMS reported progress.

Public School 55.—With reference to selecting either of the following-named sites: Nos. 223-231 West Twenty-first street, running through to West Twenty-second street; West Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, between Seventh and Eighth avenues. (Minutes, pp. 79, 94, 107, 117, 130 and 138.)

Laid over, to be considered when Mr. Snyder reports.

Public School 23.—The matter of selecting a janitor for this school was again laid over. (Minutes, pp. 111, 119, 130, 139.)

Plot Corner Tinton avenue and One hundred and Sixty-sixth street.—Plot of land recommended by Mr. Eustis for a school site. (Minutes, pp. 112, 120, 131 and 139.)

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported "that the premises in question seem to be beautifully situated for a school site, and that a plot of ground 167 feet on One hundred and sixty-sixth street and 200 feet on Tinton avenue can be secured with but little extra expense so far as the value of the improvements now on the property is concerned."

Mr. ROGERS moved that the matter be referred to the Borough Superintendent of Schools for his opinion as to the necessity for selecting the site in question with the view to erecting a school building thereon.

Adopted.

Public School 62.—From the Borough Superintendent of Schools, recommending that the two-floor building adjoining, and in possession of the Board, be fitted up for a gymnasium and equipped for classes in cooking; also, that a bridge be constructed connecting the said building with the main school building. (Minutes, pp. 123 and 139.)

Mr. ROGERS, on recommendation (verbal) of the Superintendent of School Buildings, moved that the building be fitted up for a gymnasium and cooking classes, and that recommendation for a bridge be rejected.

Adopted.

Central Opera House, Sixty-seventh street east of Third avenue.—Mrs. Mary E. Schoen, offering the Opera House for school purposes. (Minutes, pp. 125 and 139.)

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported adverse to securing the premises.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the offer be rejected.

Adopted.

ANALYSIS QUARTERLY REPORT INSPECTORS TWELFTH DISTRICT.

Deputy Superintendent ROBINSON submitted the following report:

April 3, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: In reply to the Analysis of the Quarterly Reports of the Board of Inspectors of the Twelfth District, I beg to report as follows:

Public School 40.—New Public School 40 will be completed by the beginning of the next school year.

Public School 14.—The vacant building in the rear alluded to is in possession of the City, but not the Board of Education. Measures will be taken for the windows to be boarded up and the premises otherwise rendered innocuous with regard to the school building.

Public School 50.—The two lots in the rear recommended for building upon have been recommended for condemnation, and proceedings are now in progress.

With regard to the house No. 210, an effort will be made to ascertain whether the owner is willing to lease it, but inasmuch as it is now occupied it is feared that it will be impossible to make the arrangements desired.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ROBINSON,
Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the Inspectors of the Twelfth District be notified of the contents of the report of Mr. Robinson.

Adopted.

Public School 10.—From Ernest R. Birkins, Principal, with reference to placing partitions, with sash for glass instead of screens; also that a partition with doors, sash, etc., be constructed so as to form a general hallway for the floor on which the gymnasium was located and which has been temporarily fitted up for classes. (Minutes, pp. 135 and 141.)

Deputy Superintendent Robinson recommended that the work of forming a general hallway and three classrooms be done during the summer vacation. The work will cost about $600.

Approved.

Public School 33.—The matter of erecting a kitchen on the roof of the extension was laid over to be considered when Mr. Jasper makes his report. (See report of Deputy Superintendent Robinson, Minutes, p. 142.)

Public School 49.—From the Inspectors of the Fourteenth District, protesting against the removal of the sliding doors or partitions in the Girls' Grammar Department. (Minutes, p. 144.)

Deputy Superintendent Robinson reported that orders have been given to have the sliding doors retained, and that measures will be taken to see that they run more gently so as not cause annoyance.

Ordered, That the Inspectors be notified of the contents of the report made by Mr. Robinson.

Public School 49.—From the Inspectors of the Fourteenth District, recommending that a clothing closet be placed in the basement room to the left of the main entrance. (Minutes, p. 144.)

Deputy Superintendent Robinson recommended that the wardrobe be placed in the playroom sufficiently far from the front windows to afford no obstruction to the light. (Minutes, p. 144.)

The recommendation of Mr. Robinson was approved.

Public School 2.—From George Fuedlander, to use the school on April 22d, and possibly on April 29th in the evening, for the purpose of organizing an Alumni Association.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent of Schools.

Public School 77.—From Maurice Hotchner, to permit the graduates the use of one of the rooms in the school, in the evening, in which to hold semi-monthly meetings.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent.

Public School 147.—From Joseph G. Coney, preferring charges against Mr. John T. Jamison, Janitor.

Ordered, That Mr. Coney and Mr. Jamison be notified to be present at the next session.

Inspectors of the 20th District.—Disagreeing with the report of Deputy Superintendent Robinson as to the safety of the stairs in P. S. 74 in case of fire.

Referred to Mr. Robinson for report.

Public School 24.—The Chairman reported that he had authorized Dr. Haney, Supervisor of Manual Training, to use the assembly room of P. S. 24, on the four Saturday mornings in April for the purpose of holding conferences with teachers.

Mr. Rogers moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 81.—Bill of William J. Oliver, for services as acting janitor, during the month of March, amounting to $153, being the salary of the position.

Ordered, To recommend to the School Board that the bill be paid.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. ADAMS, LIVINGSTON, O'BRIEN and ROGERS—5.

The Minutes of the meeting held April 3, as printed were approved.

Public School 147.—From Joseph Coney, preferring charges against John T. Jamison, Janitor.

Mr. Jamison was present and heard.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the complaint be dismissed.

Adopted.

Inspectors of the Sixth District.—Requesting that a room be set aside for a meeting room for their Board (Minutes, pp. 20, 30, 40, 54, 60, 69, 88, 101, 115, 129, 137 and 148).

The CLERK reported that the Inspectors had not, as yet, reported to the Borough Superintendent the selection of a room.

Inspectors for the Thirty-second District.—Recommending the selection of a site at Brown Place and One hundred and thirty-fifth and One hundred and thirty-sixth streets (Minutes, pp. 38, 48, 54, 61, 77, 94, 106, 116, 138 and 148).

A communication was received from the Inspectors for the Thirty second District, addressed to Mr. John M. Linck, recom-

mending that a site be selected for Public School 143, located on One hundred and fortieth street between Alexander and Willis avenues, size to be 150 feet in width on both One hundred and fortieth and One hundred and forty-first streets.

The Borough Superintendent of Schools submitted the following report:

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
146 Grand Street,
NEW YORK, *April* 10, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

In the matter of the selection of a new site, in place of the one on Brown Place, recommended by the Inspectors of the Thirty-second District, I would say that the new proposition of the Board of Inspectors to purchase the site now occupied by Public School 143, on the north side of One hundred and fortieth street, meets my approval.

The school is situated in a neighborhood which needs school accommodations, and, as stated by the inspectors, the buildings now occupying the proposed site are inexpensive, so that the cost will be little more than the value of the land. This action would give a permanent school building, instead of the hired accommodations now in use.

The erection of the new building for Public School 143 should precede the erection of any building on the College avenue site, either for the purpose of increasing the accommodation for Public School 60, or for the erection of a workshop or kitchen, or for the furnishing of a playground, although the present site of No. 60 has no accommodations for a playground.

In a later communication, I shall furnish your Committee with special recommendations in relation to the school property recommended for acquisition on College avenue.

Respectfully,
JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

Ordered, That said report be printed in the Minutes and its consideration laid over until the next meeting of the Committee.

Public School 55.—With reference to selecting either of the following named sites: Nos. 223–231 West Twenty-first street, running through to West Twenty-second street; West Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, between Seventh and Eight avenues. (Minutes, pp. 79, 94, 107, 117, 130, 138 and 148.)

Laid over to be considered when Mr. Snyder reports.

Public School 23.—The matter of selecting a janitor for this school was again laid over. (Minutes, pp. 111, 119, 130, 139 and 149.)

Plot corner of Tinton Avenue and 166th Street.—recommended by Mr. Eustis. (Minutes, pp. 112, 120, 131, 139 and 149.)

The Borough Superintendent of Schools submitted the following report:

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
146 Grand Street.
NEW YORK, *April* 10, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

In reference to the selection of a school site at Tinton avenue and One hundred and sixty-sixth street, I would say that it is near the middle of a triangle formed by Public School 61 on the north, Public School 90 on the south, and Public School 133 on the east.

Each of these three schools is full, and the neighborhood is building up rapidly. It is necessary that a school be built in this locality in order to supply school accommodations for children living east of the Boston Road and west of the Southern Boulevard in this section of the Twenty-third Ward.

I would recommend, therefore, that the site under consideration be purchased for school purposes.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

Mr. ROGERS moved to report to the School Board, recommending that the Board of Education be requested to take proceedings to acquire, by condemnation or otherwise, title to the site on the corner of Tinton avenue and One hundred and sixty-sixth street, being about 167 feet on One hundred and sixty-sixth street, and 200 feet on Tinton avenue.

Adopted.

Public School 33.—From Mrs. Alida S. Williams, Principal, requesting that a kitchen be erected upon the roof of the annex to said school. (Minutes, pp. 136, 142 and 151.)

The Borough Superintendent, Mr. JASPER, reported: "In view of the fact that Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson, reports (Minutes, p. 142), that such room cannot be erected except by building a room of steel framework covered with galvanized iron and filled with fireproof material, I recommend that the application be denied."

Mr. ROGERS moved that the application be denied.

Adopted.

Public School 2.—From George Friedlander, requesting the privilege of using the building on the evenings of April 22d, and possibly April 29th, for the purpose of organizing an Alumni Association. (Minutes, p. 152.)

The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, reported adverse to granting the request.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the request be denied.

Adopted.

Public School 77.—From Maurice Hotchner, requesting the use of one of the rooms, in the evening, semi-monthly, to promote the practice of literary exercises among the graduates. (Minutes, p. 152.)

The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, reported adverse to granting the application.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the request be denied.

Adopted.

Inspectors of the Twentieth District.—Disagreeing with report of the Deputy Superintendent Robinson as to the safety of the front stairs of P. S. 74 in case of fire. (Minutes, p. 152.)

Laid over for consideration at the next meeting.

Public School 40.—From George W. Harrison, reporting the absence of Geo. W. Van Demark, Janitor, accompanied with a physician's certificate.

Laid over.

Truant School.—From Mrs. M. E. R. Alger, recommending the annex of P. S. 155 for a Truant School.

Referred to Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent.

Public School 7.—From David Knipe, Janitor, to be excused for absence from December 15, 1898, to January 12, 1899, in both day and evening schools.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the absence be excused, with pay.

Adopted.

Public School 92.—Complaint of Henry L. Metzker, with reference to meetings held in the school building.

Ordered, That the Janitor of the school and Mr. Metzker be notified to attend the next meeting of this Committee.

Public School 33.—From Mrs. Alida S. Williams, Principal, recommending that the land at the west end of the building facing Twenty-eighth street and running toward Tenth avenue be acquired, for the purpose of erecting an annex.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper.

Public School 3.—From Arthur Brett, transmitted by President Little, regarding the safety of the school building during the "Free Lectures" given in the building.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the Janitor of P. S. 3, be notified that on the evenings when "Free Lectures" are given, he must cause the stairways to be lighted and the doors and gates kept open.

Adopted.

Public School 3.—The matter of placing globes on the gas jets in the hallways was referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Public School 147.—From the Superintendent of School Buildings, reporting that the Board of Education having secured one floor at No. 267 Henry street, as an annex, the Janitor is entitled to an increase in salary. If the floor space is added to that of the main building the increase in salary would be about $39 per year, which is not sufficient. The minimum salary—$533—is considered excessive, and suggesting that a special allowance be made, and the by-laws of the Board suspended accordingly.

Mr. ROGERS moved that this Committee recommend to the Board that the salary of the Janitor be increased $260 per annum, taking effect on March 1, 1899, and that the by-laws be suspended for the purpose.

Adopted.

Girls' High School.—From the Janitor, asking for an increase in his annual salary.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings for report.

Public School 31.—From Mrs. Phyllis Leveridge, Inspector of the Fourth School District, complaining of the unsafe condition of the school building.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson for an immediate report.

Public School 73.—With reference to acquiring title to the house adjoining the west side, which was condemned some time since.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson for report.

Communication from Principals of Public Schools 5, 9, 10, 46, 57, 68, 70, 86 and 151, requesting that their respective schools be supplied with at least one "Educational Leaf Cabinet."

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

New Public School 1.—From the Committee on Studies approving of the fitting up of the room originally intended for a kindergarten room, for use of pupils in the 1A grade for the period of one year (See Minutes, pages 3 and 10).

Mr. O'Brien moved that the recommendation of the Committee on Studies be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 125 Annex.—From Miss Ellen Collins, Inspector for the Ninth District, that the chapel of the Memorial

Baptist Church, Washington Square, south, be fitted up for a kindergarten.

The matter of fitting up said chapel was referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Public School 136.—The following communication was received from Borough Superintendent Jasper:

NEW YORK, *April* 10, 1899.

To The Committee on Sites and Buildings:

In a communication to your Committee on March 15th, I reported on the necessity for the continued use of P. S. 136, and also on the necessity for securing the property on the west of the said building for the protection of light and ventilation. Under the same date your Committee in a report to the School Board recommended that the said property be chosen as a site for school purposes, and the resolutions contained in the report were adopted.

I have since received a report from Associate Superintendent Marble, dated April 7th, in which he writes as follows:

"On my visit to P. S. 136 to-day it appears that excavations are going on to the very wall of the schoolhouse; and unless immediate action is taken, either the high building will be erected and the light shut off from the school, or else additional expense will be added to the cost of the lot for every day the work goes on."

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the Borough Board request the Board of Education to expedite the matter of acquiring title to the lot on the west side of P. S. 136.

Adopted.

High Schools.—Dr. Buchanan, Principal of the Boys' High School, and Mr. Windecker, Janitor of P. S. 67, in which is located the annex to the High School, appeared before the Committee and made statements with reference to the lunch counter located in said annex.

Mr. ROGERS moved that a letter be addressed to the Principal of each High School, and Principal of each Public School in which annexes to High Schools are located, requesting them to advise the pupils in said schools to conduct themselves with decorum during the lunch hour; also, that the janitors of the schools in question be notified to have one of their assistants on duty in the respective lunch rooms during lunch hour.

Adopted.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. ADAMS, O'BRIEN and ROGERS—4.

The Minutes of the meeting held April 10, as printed were approved.

Inspectors of the Sixth District.—Requesting that a room be set aside for a meeting room for their Board. (Minutes, pp. 20, 30, 40, 54, 60, 69, 88, 101, 115, 129, 137, 148 and 155.)

Mr. ROGERS moved that the item be stricken from the calendar.

Adopted.

Inspectors of the 32d District—P. S. 143.—With reference to acquiring title to a site on which Public School 43 (leased) is located on One hundred and fortieth street between Alexander and Willis avenues in place of the proposed site on Brown Place, One hundred and thirty-fifth and One hundred and thirty-sixth streets. (Minutes, pp. 38, 48, 54, 61, 77, 94, 106, 116, 138, 148 and 155.) Recommendation of Inspectors and Mr. Jasper's report found in Minutes, pp. 155 and 156.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the matter be postponed, there being no funds at the present time, for the purpose of procuring additional sites.

Adopted.

Public School 55.—With reference to selecting either of the following-named sites: Nos. 223–231, West Twenty-first street, running through to West Twenty-second street; West Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, between Seventh and Eighth avenues. (Minutes, pp. 79, 94, 107, 117, 130, 138, 148 and 157.)

Mr. ROGERS moved that the consideration of the matter be postponed, there being no funds at the present time, for the purpose of procuring additional sites.

Adopted.

Public School 23.—The matter of selecting a janitor for this school was again laid over. (Minutes, pp. 111, 119, 130, 139, 149 and 157.)

Public School 74.—Disagreeing with the report of Deputy Superintendent Robinson, as to the safety of the front stairs of P. S. 74, in case of fire. (Minutes, pp. 104, 152 and 159.)

Laid over to be considered when Mr. Robinson makes his report.

Truant School.—From Mrs. M. E. R. Alger, recommending the annex of P. S. 155 for a Truant School. (Minutes, p. 159.)

Laid over, to be considered when Mr. Jasper makes his report.

Public School 92.—From Henry J. Metzker, complaining, under date of April 8, 1899, of a noisy party in the assembly room of the school on the evening of said date. (Minutes, p. 159.)

Mr. Merrifield, the janitor, was present, heard.

The CLERK was instructed to request from Dr. Henry M. Groehl, Inspector for the Sixth District, the address of Mr. Metzker.

Public School 33.—From Mrs. Alida S. Williams, Principal, recommending that the land at the west end of the building facing Twenty-eighth street and running toward Tenth avenue, be acquired, for the purpose of erecting thereon an annex. (Minutes, p. 160.)

Mr. ROGERS moved that the matter be postponed, there being no funds, at the present time, for the purpose of procuring additional sites.

Adopted.

Girls' High School.—From the janitor asking for an increase in his salary. (Minutes, p. 161.)

Laid over, for consideration when Mr. Snyder makes his report.

Public School 31.—From Mrs. Phyllis Leveridge, Chairman, Inspectors for the Fourth District, complaining of the unsafe condition of the school building. (Minutes, p. 161.)

Deputy Superintendent Robinson presented the following report:

NEW YORK, *April* 11, 1899.

HON. MORRIS E. STERNE,

Chairman, Committee on Sites and Buildings.

DEAR SIR: In accordance with your request, I have this day made an examination of Public School 31, Monroe street. I find the floors somewhat depressed below the original level, probably caused by the shrinkage of beams and timbers, but not sufficient at the present time to warrant any apprehension for the safety of the building. The specifications for the repairs to be made during the vacation of this year includes restoring these floors to their original level, placing the necessary plates between the columns for the purpose and putting in new iron columns in several instances. In addition to this, the beams of the first

story have already been braced up with two lines of iron columns and iron girders. I think the building may be regarded as sufficiently provided for.

Respectfully yours,

J. B. ROBINSON,

Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the report be printed in the Minutes, and the communication and report be placed on file.

Adopted.

Ordered, That a copy of Mr. Robinson's report be transmitted to Mrs. Leveridge.

Public School 73.—With reference to acquiring title to the house adjoining the west side of the school building, which was condemned some time since. (Minutes, p. 161.)

Laid over to be considered when Mr. Robinson makes his report.

Public School 57, Annex.—From Dr. John Plunkett, Secretary School Inspectors, Thirtieth District, with reference to the offer of the owner of the premises now occupied as an annex on East One hundred and sixteenth street to add another story to the building and put in a suitable heating apparatus, provided a suitable lease be given him.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson for report.

Public School 83.—From Dr. John Plunkett, Secretary, School Inspectors, Thirtieth District, recommending that the swinging doors of the exit of Public School 83, on East One hundred and ninth street, which are out of order, be replaced by sliding doors.

Referred to Mr. Robinson, to have the doors placed in proper condition.

Public School 74.—From James J. Doré, to grant the Alumni Association of Public School 74 the use of the Assembly Room on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the request be denied.

Adopted.

Boys' High School.—From Thomas F. Stapleton, Janitor, requesting a leave of absence for twenty-four hours on April 20, 1899.

Granted with pay.

Public School 67.—From Philip J. Windecker, Janitor, stating that he had caused the arrest of a person who was making a disturbance in the school and injured one of the pupils, and requesting that he be granted a leave of absence when subpœnaed to the Court of General Sessions.

Granted with pay.

Public School 62.—From Herrmann Horenburger, representing Gustav Bartels, owner, stating that the Board of Education having annexed part of the property adjoining the school in East One hundred and fifty-seventh street near Courtlandt avenue, and as there is thereon a frame building that encroaches on the adjoining property about eight inches on the south side, east of Courtlandt avenue, the owner notifies the Board to have the same removed on or before May 1, 1899, as he is about to erect a five story building thereon.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings for report.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, No. 585 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. ADAMS, and O'BRIEN—3.

Mr. ADAMS moved that the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, be requested to make an immediate report to this Committee, stating which school sites, now in the possession of the city, should be improved by the erection of buildings or additions thereon, from the unexpended balance of the Bond Account.

Adopted.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the Clerk of this Committee prepare a book in which to record the leases of school premises, designating the location of the property, date of expiration of the respective leases, terms of rental, and clauses providing for renewals, etc.

Adopted.

Truant School.—From Mrs. M. E. R. Alger, recommending the Annex of P. S. 155 for a Truant School (Minutes, pp. 159 and 166).

The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, submitted a report adverse to the recommendation of Mrs. Alger, the consideration of which was laid over until a report is received from the Superintendent of School Buildings locating a site for the Truant School.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. LIVINGSTON, O'BRIEN and ROGERS—4.

The Minutes of the meeting held April 17th, as printed, were approved.

Public School 23.—The matter of selecting a janitor for this school was again laid over. (Minutes, pp. 111, 119, 130, 139, 149, 157 and 166.)

Public School 92.—From Henry L. Metzker, complaining, under date of April 8, 1899, of a noisy party in the assembly room of the school on the evening of said date. (Minutes, pp. 159 and 166.)

A communication was received from Dr. Henry M. Groehl, Inspector, stating that he could not furnish the address of Mr. Metzker.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the item be stricken from the calendar.

Adopted.

Girls' High School.—From the Janitor requesting an increase in salary. (Minutes, pp. 161 and 167.)

Laid over for consideration when Mr. Snyder reports.

Public School 73.—With reference to acquiring title to the house adjoining the west side of the school building, which was condemned some time since. (Minutes, pp. 161 and 168.)

Laid over, to be considered when Mr. Robinson makes his report.

Public School 62.—From Herrmann Horrenburger, with reference to frame building encroaching eight inches on adjoining property. (Minutes, p. 169.)

Laid over, to be considered when Mr. Snyder makes his report.

Public School 42.—Anonymous complaint against the janitor of ill treatment of pupils.

Mr. Thomas Leonard, the janitor, was present and heard.

Ordered, That the Principal of the School, and Mr. Gutgsell, Principal of P. S. 147, be invited to be present at the next meeting.

Public School 10.—From John C. Lester, Janitor, asking for an increase in his rent allowance.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings for report.

Public School 14.—From Joseph A. Conlin, complaining that the janitor of the school abused a child.

Mr. Alonzo R. Hopkins, Janitor, was present and heard.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the complaint be dismissed, the complainant having failed to appear after having been duly notified.

Adopted.

Inspectors of the 16th District.—Recommending certain additions, etc., to P. S. 27 and 73.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson for report.

Analysis of the quarterly reports of the School Inspectors of the Eighth, Ninth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-second, Twenty-fifth, Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, Thirty-first and Thirty-fourth Districts.

Referred to Deputy Superintendents Robinson and Morgan for report.

Public School 3.—From Mr. Arthur Butt, with reference to the safety of the people attending the Free Lectures given in this school, and calling attention to the fact that the order of the Committee given the Janitor had not been complied with. (For order, see Minutes, p. 160.)

Ordered, That Mr. Joseph Swift, the Janitor, be notified to be present at the next meeting of the Committee.

The CLERK reported that the Borough Superintendent of Schools had not, as yet, filed his report as to which school sites now in possession of the city should be improved from the unexpended balance of the Bond Account.

Public Education Association—New Public School 20.—The following agreement with reference to the use of four classrooms and the two playgrounds of new Public School 20 for Children's Evening Clubs, as follows:

April 24th, 1899.

The Public Education Association, of New York, hereby agrees to use four classrooms and two playgrounds in new P. S. 20 for Children's Evening Clubs under the following conditions:

1. The Association will pay all the expense of cleaning its club-rooms and playgrounds after they have been in use.

2. The Association will be responsible for all damage done to the building by members of its clubs.

3. The Association will provide a Director for each of the six clubs which will meet in the school-house, each club to consist of not more than 30 children between the ages of 12 and 16.

4. The Association will see that there is in the school house each night one responsible educated person, not less than 21 years of age, who will have general supervision of the building while the clubs are in session.

5. The Association will use the rooms granted to it solely for the purpose of providing opportunities for healthful social intercourse or literary practice for the children of the neighborhood. Religious or political instruction will not be allowed.

M. G. VAN RENSSELAER,
President, P. E. A.

WINIFRED BUCK,
Chairman of Evening Clubs Committee, and Member of Council of P. E. A.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the agreement as presented by the Association be approved, this Committee reserving the right to cancel it any time. (For the terms and authority of the School Board, see Journal of that Board, p. 389.)

Adopted.

Public School 46.—From Miss Mary Waklee Swartz, Principal, requesting permission to hold a meeting in the school on Tuesday, May 2d, at 4 o'clock P. M. and another if necessary, for the purpose of preparing a memorial service for the late Mrs. M. M. Mulford.

Granted.

Public School 61.—From Miss Kate VanWagenen, Principal P. D., reporting certain repairs, etc., needed in the department.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Public School 160.—From the Borough Superintendent of Schools, reporting:

"Investigation shows that there are three or four rooms on the fifth floor of P. S. 160, that can be used for classroom purposes. As there is at the present time a necessity for additional school accommodations in the vicinity of this school, I would recommend the fitting up of such rooms on the fifth floor of the building as in the opinion of the Superintendent of School Buildings are suitable for classroom purposes."

Mr. ROGERS moved to recommend that the School Board be requested to fit up the rooms as recommended by Mr. Jasper.

Adopted.

Public School 62.—From the Borough Superintendent of Public Schools, recommending that the Annex to P. S. 62 be fitted up for classroom purposes, instead of being fitted up for a gymnasium and classes in cooking as recommended by him on March 13, 1899. (Minutes, pp. 123, 131, 139 and 149.)

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings for report.

Public School 28.—From David G. Robinson, Janitor, reporting a robbery in the building on the night of April 19th.

Ordered, That said communication be placed on file.

Public School 83.—Charle Herrenberg, making a complaint against the Janitor for non-payment of wages.

Ordered, That Mr. Wiberly, the Janitor, be notified to attend the next meeting.

Public School 20.—From Mrs. Mary E. Williams, Supervisor of Cookery, with reference to the late change of the kitchen of P. S. 20 into a classroom and suggesting that the room serve both purposes, and in all schools where limited space would make

it necessary. The teacher of cookery would probably occupy the room two or three days each with her classes. When they were using the kitchen, the classes of the regular teacher could simply change rooms, etc.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent of Schools for report.

A delegation composed of Mr. Morris S. Ward, Mr. A. Lubs and Mr. Henry L. Hunter, representing the West Morrisania Property Owners' Association, appeared before the Committee and urged the erection of a school building on the site at One hundred and sixty-third street and Morris avenue.

Public School 57, Annex.—From Dr. John Plunkett, School Inspector for the Thirtieth District, with reference to the offer of the owner of the Annex on East One hundred and sixteenth street, to add another story to the building providing a liberal lease be given. (Minutes, p. 168.)

Deputy Superintendent Robinson presented the following report:

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: With regard to the addition of another story upon the leased annex of Public School 57, situated on East One hundred and sixteenth street, I have the honor to report as follows:

The building is at present a two story building about 25 feet front and about 65 feet deep. It contains two classrooms on the first story and three upon the second, the middle one of which is lighted by a skylight.

The addition of another story would cut off the light from this middle room, losing thereby, one classroom in place of which, three would be obtained in the additional story. The dark space thus formed might be used for wardrobes.

The cost of such additional story would be about $6,000 to the owner, exclusive of the furniture and fittings, which the Department of Education would have to furnish.

In view of the approaching completion of Public School 159 at One hundred and nineteenth and One hundred and twentieth streets near Third avenue, it might seem superfluous to build this additional accommodation at present.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ROBINSON,
Dep'ty Sup't of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

Ordered, That the item be stricken from the calendar, and that Dr. Plunkett be furnished with a copy of Mr. Robinson's report.

Public School 6.—An anonymous communication was received, calling attention to a liquor store on the southeast corner of Eighty-fifth street and Madison avenue, opposite P. S. 6, which had been closed March 7th and reopened March 10, 1899.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the attention of the Special Deputy Commissioner of Excise be called to the matter.

Adopted.

From Mr. D. Mitchell offering a site for school purposes on the southeast corner of One hundred and thirty-sixth street and Fifth avenue, plot 100′x100′, about.

Ordered, That said communication be placed on file.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, MAY 1, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, No. 585 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. LIVINGSTON and O'BRIEN—3.

The Minutes of the meetings held April 20th and 24th, as printed, were approved.

Public School 23.—The matter of selecting a janitor for this school was again laid over (Minutes, pp. 111, 119, 130, 139, 149, 157, 166 and 173).

Girls' High School.—From the janitor requesting an increase in salary (Minutes, pp. 161, 167 and 173).

Laid over for consideration when Mr. Snyder submits his report.

Public School 73.—With reference to acquiring title to the house adjoining the west side of the school building, which was condemned some time since (Minutes, pp. 161, 168 and 174).

Deputy Superintendent Robinson reported "that the proceedings to acquire this site are included in the resolution of April 12th, of the Board of Education, requesting the 'Corporation Counsel to stop for the present all further proceedings in the acquisition of sites in the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.'"

Ordered, That said communication and report be placed on file.

Public School 62.—From Hermann Horrenburger, with reference to the frame building encroaching eight inches on the adjoining property (Minutes, pp. 169 and 174).

Referred to Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan for report.

Public School 42.—Consideration of the complaint against Thomas Leonard, Janitor. (Minutes, p. 174.)

Miss Connolly, Principal of P. S. 42, Miss Martha Aarons, teacher in P. S. 42, and Mr. Gutgsell, Principal of P. S. 147, were present and heard. A communication was received from Dr. R. Berlinger, certifying to the illness of Mr. Leonard and his inability to be present at this session.

The consideration of the matter was laid over until Mr. Leonard is able to appear.

Public School 119.—From Peter Moran, Janitor, to be excused for absence on May 1st, to attend the funeral of his son.

Granted, with full pay.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that a notice be sent to the respective janitors to the effect that, when a rent allowance is made to a janitor, and the janitor secures apartments at a rental less than the allowance made by this Committee, the said janitor shall immediately report the same to the Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings of the Borough in which he may reside.

Adopted.

Public School 10.—From John C. Lester, Janitor, asking for an increase in his rent allowance. (Minutes, p. 174.)

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the rent allowance of Mr. Lester be increased from $260 to $325 per annum, taking effect on this date, subject to the provisions of the motion of Mr. O'BRIEN, just adopted.

Adopted.

Inspectors of the Sixteenth District.—Recommending certain repairs, etc., in P. S. 27 and 73. (Minutes, p. 175.)

Laid over, to be considered on receipt of report from Mr. ROBINSON.

Analysis of quarterly report of the School Inspectors of the 8th, 9th, 13th, 14th, 20th, 22d, 25th, 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st Districts. (Minutes, p. 175.)

Deputy Superintendent ROBINSON to report.

Public School 3.—Complaint of Arthur Butt, that the janitor had not complied with the order of this Committee to keep the doors and gates open and the stairways lighted on the "Free Lecture" nights. (Minutes, pp. 160 and 175.)

Mr. Joseph Swift, the Janitor, was present and heard.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that Deputy Superintendent ROBINSON report as to the propriety of cutting a door in the partition for means of exit; also, as to providing gas light on the fire escape.

Adopted.

The following report was received from the Borough Superintendent of Schools:

NEW YORK, *May* 1, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

Relative to the request made by your Committee to report in what manner and order the school sites now in the possession of the city should be improved, I would suggest the following which, in my judgment, is the order in which the sites should be improved:

1. 112, 114 and 116 Sheriff street, on north side of P. S. 22, for addition.
2. 10 lots on Sixty-fifth street and Sixty-sixth street, between Boulevard and Amsterdam avenue, for new P. S. 181.

3. 5 lots on south side of Seventy-sixth street, in rear of P. S. 70, for addition.

4. 12 lots on One hundred and forty-fifth and One hundred and forty-sixth streets, east of Boulevard.

5. Addition to P. S. 51, on West Forty-fifth street, in rear.

6. 8 lots on One hundred and twenty-sixth street, in rear of P. S. 39, for new building.

7. Additional story to P. S. 138, Eleventh and Twelfth streets, near White Plains avenue.

8. Plot (210′ x 111′ 6″) on north side of One hundred and Sixty-third street, between Morris and Grant avenues, for new P. S. 178.

9. Plot (216′ x 205′) on east side of Avenue C, between Eighth and Ninth streets, Unionport, for new P. S. 182.

10. 8 lots on east side of Wadsworth avenue, One hundred and eighty-second and One hundred and eighty-third streets, for new P. S. 132.

11. Plot (100′ x 150′) on west side of Ogden avenue, on south side of P. S. 91, for addition.

12. Addition to P. S. 155, on Tremont and Anthony avenues.

13. 12 lots on Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets, east of First avenue, for new P. S. 183.

14. 16 lots on Amethyst avenue and Victor street, north of Morris Park avenue, Van Nest Park, for new P. S. 176.

15. Southeast corner of Elliot avenue and Juliana street, Olinville.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

Ordered, That said report be submitted to the School Board with a recommendation that the sites be improved in the order named.

Public School 61.— From Miss Kate Van Wagenen, Principal, reporting certain repairs needed. (Minutes, p. 176.)

Mr. ROBINSON reported that Miss Van Wagenen requested the new paper be placed on the walls of her office, repainting and

graining; also that a water closet be built in the room. A closet built in this room would spoil it for an office. Painting and varnishing the office was denied, $2,000 having been provided in the budget for repairs, etc., at this school; electric bells are in working order; matter of a gas stove connection was referred to the proper department.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the report be accepted.

Public School 62.—From the Borough Superintendent recommending that the Annex be fitted up for classrooms instead of a gymnasium and cooking classes as heretofore recommended. (Minutes, pp. 123, 131, 139, 149 and 177.)

A communication was received from Mr. ADAMS recommending a suspension of the order to fit up the Annex for a gymnasium and cooking classes, and that in lieu thereof accommodation be provided for the Primary Department; also, that the house to the west of School be torn down and the lot graded.

Referred to Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan.

Public School 83.—Complaint of Charles Herrenberg, against Mr. Wiberly, the Janitor, for nonpayment of wages. (Minutes, p. 177.)

Deputy Superintendent ROBINSON stated that it had been reported to him that Mr. Wiberly had paid his indebtedness.

Ordered, That complaint be placed on file.

Public School 20.—From Mrs. Mary E. Williams, Supervisor of Cookery, with reference to the order changing the kitchen into a classroom, etc. (Minutes, pp. 117 and 178.)

Laid over, to be considered when Mr. Jasper makes his report.

Public School 137.—From Mrs. R. Rosenbaum, requesting a permit for a soda water stand.

Denied.

Public School 10.—From Benj. Veit, for permission to hold a reunion of the Twelfth Ward Association of the N. Y. State Teachers' Association in the lecture room, some evening during the month of May.

Granted. Mr. Veit to notify the Clerk of the date on which the reunion is to be held.

Public School 31.—From Mrs. Phyllis Loveridge, Chairman Board of Inspectors for the 4th District, differing with Deputy Superintendent ROBINSON'S report as to the safety of the building.

Ordered, That said communication be placed on file.

Public School 81.—Bill of Wm. J. Oliver, amounting to $153, for services as acting janitor during the month of April.

Ordered, That a recommendation be made to the School Board, that the bill be paid.

Public School 123.—From Wm. A. Martin with reference to rent of property, Nos. 263 and 265 West One hundred and twenty-fourth street.

Ordered, That said communication be placed on file.

No. 180 Cherry Street.—From the estate of A. E. Goodspeed, offering to rent the second floor and attic of the premises at an annual rental of $900 and water tax.

Referred to Borough Superintendent Jasper and Deputy Superintendent Robinson for report.

Public School 25.—From Mr. Richard H. Adams, recommending that the question of erecting a workshop on the playground be referred to Mr. Jasper and Mr. Robinson for report.

The recommendation was approved.

Public School 25.—From Mr. Richard H. Adams recommending that the question of erecting an external staircase to facilitate the egress of the male grammar children, be referred to Mr. Robinson for report, both as to its necessity and probable cost.

The recommendation was approved.

A delegation from the Westchester Unionport Taxpayers' association, Mr. August H. Diehl acting as its chairman, appeared before the Committee and urged speedy action in the matter of erecting a school building on the site on the East side of Avenue C, between Eighth and Ninth streets, Unionport, for new P. S. 182.

Public Schools 74 and 76.—From the Commissioner of Buildings, Mr. T. J. Brady, ordering that fire escapes be placed on these school buildings.

Ordered, That it be recommended to the School Board to request the Board of Education to have the fire escapes placed on the buildings in question, and as ordered.

Public School 57.—Complaint of Associate Borough Superintendent O'Brien, that the janitor did not remove the ashes from the cellar with promptness; that the cellar did not look clean, and that a dog was housed in the cellar.

The CLERK was instructed to notify Mr. McCusker, the janitor, to cause the dog to be removed from the school premises at once; also, that he remove the ashes from the cellar with promptness and that he improve in the matter of keeping the cellar in amore cleanly condition.

Public School 86.—Associate Borough Superintendent Elgas, reporting that the Principal of the Primary Department complains of the Janitor's unsatisfactory work.

Ordered, That Miss Johnson, the Principal, and Mr. Tully, the Janitor, be notified to be present at the next session of the Committee.

Public School 80.—F. D.—Associate Borough Superintendent Shimer recommending that on the first floor, one of the rear rooms be fitted up as a kindergarten.

Referred to the Committee on Studies.

Public School 163.—P. D.—Associate Borough Superintendent Farrell recommending the school building be replaced by a new type of school building.

Ordered, That said recommendation be placed on file, a new building being in course of construction in the near vicinity of P. S. 163.

Public School 53.—From Associate Borough Superintendent O'Brien recommending that the janitor give closer attention to the care of the water closets.

The clerk was instructed to so notify the janitor.

Analysis of the quarterly report of the School Inspectors of the Thirty-fourth District.

Mr. Morgan submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *May* 1, 1899.

To The Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: Referring to the Analysis of the Quarterly Reports of the School Inspectors of the Thirty-fourth District, dated April 18, 1899, I would respectfully report as follows:

Item 32.—Relative to painting P. S. Building 64—there is $1800 provided in the budget for general repairs on this building, and the painting mentioned is to be done during the coming vacation work.

Item 33, P. S. 65. - The matter of a new building has been talked over from time to time, but has been laid aside partly for the reason that there are other sections of the city where chil-

dren are out of school. When new Public School 173, at One hundred and eighty-third street and Cambreleng avenue is completed, with its 29 classrooms available, will relieve the pressure on P. S. 65, which can be moved to one side of playground so as to admit of the erection of the new building.

Item 33½.—Final payment on the work of bank has not been made, and will not be made until the contractors properly complete their work.

Item 35.—That at P. S. 145 there are about 100 pieces of old furniture in the boiler room that ought to be removed; as there is no boiler now in P. S. 145, this probably refers to P. S. 155. The furniture mentioned was removed several weeks ago.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. MORGAN,
Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings,
Borough of The Bronx.

Ordered, That said report be accepted, and the Inspectors notified of its contents.

From the Department of Highways as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS,
NEW YORK, *April* 28th, 1899.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN, ESQ.,
Secretary, Department of Education,
146 Grand Street.

DEAR SIR: Commissioner Keating requests me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th inst., stating that the Committee on Sites and Buildings of the Board of Education desires to call attention to the necessity of paving with asphalt, streets or parts of streets on which public schools are located.

The Commissioner is aware of the great annoyance to which the teachers in the public schools are subjected by the noise of traffic on granite block pavements, and but for the fact that the City's debt limit had been reached prior to his accession to

office, he would have made energetic efforts to secure a special appropriation for repaving all the streets on which there are public schools, or at least so much of such streets in the vicinity of the schools as would obviate the noise which now causes so much inconvenience and discomfort to both teachers and pupils.

The Commissioner has been constantly keeping this matter in mind, and has determined to spend for asphalt pavement in front of and adjacent to public schools a considerable amount of the appropriation of $2,000,000 which, in accordance with his recommendation, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has authorized, but which has not yet become available through failure of the Municipal Assembly to ratify the action of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Of this appropriation $1,000,000 will be expended in the Borough of Manhattan. The estimated cost of repaving in front of and adjacent to all public schools in this Borough, where asphalt pavements have not already been laid, is $600,000, hence if the Municipal Assembly sanctions the issue of bonds for the amount recommended by the Commissioner and approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, he hopes to be able to make contracts for laying asphalt pavement in the vicinity of all the public schools located on streets now paved with granite blocks.

Very respectfully,

JOHN D. CREAMER,

Secretary.

Ordered, That said communication be printed in full in the Minutes.

From the Department of Excise as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF EXCISE,
NEW YORK, *April* 28, 1899.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN, ESQ.,
Secretary, Department of Education,
146 Grand St., City.

DEAR SIR: I am in receipt of your favor of 27th inst., referring to anonymous communication received by your Department in regard to liquor store at Eighty-fifth street and Madison avenue. I have received a number of such communications in regard to this place. As no reason appeared on the face of the application for a certificate why a certificate should not be granted to the applicant nor on the place, I was obliged to issue the certificate. If it was obtained "contrary to law," the anonymous letter writer can undoubtedly have it revoked on application to the Supreme Court.

Very truly yours,
GEORGE HILLIARD,
Special Deputy Commissioner of Excise.

Ordered, That said communication be printed in full in the Minutes.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, MAY 8, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, No. 585 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. LIVINGSTON, O'BRIEN and ROGERS—4.

Public School 38.—Consideration of a complaint made by Miss Mary J. Gallagher, Principal F. D., and Mrs. Mary A. Rogers, Principal P. D., against Charles W. Miller, janitor, with unfitness to perform his duties. The janitor, Mr. Miller, was present and sworn by the Chairman.

Mrs. Rogers, Miss Gallagher and Inspector Merwin of the Third School District were present and gave their testimony in the matter.

The CHAIRMAN reported that on May 6th, 1899, he suspended Mr. Miller from duty, without pay, and placed John H. Lane, janitor of P. S. 44, at once in charge of Public School 38, in addition to his own building.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the action of the Chairman be sustained and that said suspension and assignment continue until the next session of this Committee.

Adopted.

The further consideration of the matter was then laid over.

Public School 42.—Complaint of Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson, against Mr. Thomas Leonard, janitor, for being absent from duty without permission.

The following named witnesses were present, sworn by the Chairman of the Committee, and then submitted their testimony: Thomas Leonard, janitor P. S. 42; E. J. Sheridan, janitor P. S. 137; J. N. Elliott, janitor P. S. 120; John O'Connor, assistant to the janitor in charge of P. S. 42, and Richard Otto, assistant to the janitor in P. S. 42.

The CHAIRMAN reported that on May 2, 1899, he suspended Mr. Leonard, without pay, and assigned William T. Bishop, janitor of P. S. 4 to take charge of the building of P. S. 42.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the action of Chairman be approved, and that the suspension and assignment be continued until the next session of this Committee.

Adopted.

The further consideration of the matter was then laid over.

Public School 86.—Consideration of the complaint of Miss Emma A. Johnson against the janitor, Mr. John T. Tulleys' unsatisfactory work.

Miss Johnson and Mr. Tully were present and heard.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the complaint be dismissed.

Adopted.

Public School 55.—The Chairman reported that he had granted Mr. Geo. E. Woolfe, janitor, a leave of absence for the afternoon of May 3d, at 2 o'clock P. M., with pay.

The action of the Chairman was approved.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, MAY 15, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, No. 585 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. ADAMS, LIVINGSTON and ROGERS—4.

The Minutes of the meetings held May 1st and 8th, as printed, were approved.

Public School 23.—The matter of selecting a janitor for this school was again laid over. (Minutes, pp. 111, 119, 130, 139, 149, 157, 166 and 173.)

Commercial High School.—Report of the Committee on High Schools, referred by the School Board May 3, 1899, requesting this Committee to select a site in the central portion of the City.

The consideration of said report was laid over.

Public School 35.—(No. 160 Chrystie St.) From Miss Agnes M. Hayes, Principal, requesting that P. S. 35 be classed as a school for boys only.

Referred to the Committee on Studies.

Public School 67.—From Philip J. Windecker, Janitor, for

excuse of absence on May 2d and 16th, he having been subpoenaed to Court.

Granted, with pay.

Girls' High School.—From Mr. Oscar E. Poole, Janitor, asking for an increase in his annual salary. (Minutes, pp. 111, 119, 130, 139, 149, 157, 166 and 173.)

Referred to Dr. Wight, Principal, for his report and recommendation.

Public School 62.—From Herrmann Horrenburger, representing the owner, with reference to frame building, property of the Board, encroaching on his property about eight inches, and notifying the Committee to remove the same as he would commence to build on his property on May 1st. (Minutes, pp. 169, 174 and 182.)

The Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Borough of The Bronx, Mr. Morgan, reported as follows:

NEW YORK, *May* 8, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: As to moving the old 2½ story frame building now on the 25x50 foot lot belonging to the City and adjoining Public School 62 on the west, I beg to report that as this house now encroaches 8 inches on adjoining property and must be moved in any event, as the owner has commenced building operations thereon, it would in my opinion be a saving to have the house removed off the lot. The lowest estimate received to move the building over 8 inches is $50; I think it will cost only a little if any more to remove it entirely and estimates are now being received on this basis.

A fence wall with gate could be built enclosing the front of lot to correspond with the fence wall now at the easterly end of the school building and a new pavement laid for sidewalk and yard to match the present. This work would cost approximately

$1,400 and would be a substantial improvement over present conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. MORGAN,
Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Borough of The Bronx.

Mr. ROGERS moved to report to the School Board recommending that the Board of Education make the changes as recommended in Mr. Morgan's report.

Adopted.

Public School 62.—From the Borough Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Jasper, recommending that the annex be fitted up for classrooms instead of a gymnasium and cooking classes as heretofore recommended by him (Minutes, pp. 123, 131, 139, 149, 177 and 185).

Acting Deputy Superintendent, Mr. Morgan, reported as follows:

NEW YORK, *May* 8, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: In the matter of fitting up classrooms in the annex building to Public School 62 in lieu of gymnasium and cooking classes as had previously been suggested, I beg to report as follows:

The first story of this building is but 9 feet high and consequently not adapted for classrooms, unless possibly it may be deemed suitable for the use of kindergarten classes and a portion might be utilized as a kindergarten playroom; the floor is fairly well lighted.

I believe the second story could be made available for three classes of boys; the rear exits communicate directly to the boys' yard and the two front ones to Courtlandt avenue. An additional skylight may be required for the centre classroom, as this building occupies the whole width of the lot. The ceilings of

the two rear rooms are pitched from walls to ridge, following lines of roof, while the front room ceiling is flat and about 14 feet high. These rooms would accommodate 160 pupils and would cost approximately $800 to fit up.

The three exits as at present are unusually liberal.

Respectfully submitted,
C. M. MORGAN,
Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Borough of The Bronx.

Mr. ROGERS moved that Mr. Morgan's report be referred to the Borough Superintendent of Schools for further report.

Adopted.

Inspector for the Sixteenth District.—Recommending certain repairs in P. S. 27 and 73 (Minutes, pp. 175 and 183).

Laid over to be considered on receipt of report from Mr. Robinson.

Analyses of Quarterly Reports of School Inspectors for the 6th, 9th, 13th, 14th, 20th, 22d, 25th, 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st School Districts.

Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson, submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *May* 8, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: I beg to submit herewith report of the analyses of the Quarterly Report of the Board of Inspectors:

SIXTH DISTRICT.

P. S. 15.—With regard to the acquisition of lots in the rear of this school, the proceedings for their condemnation have been suspended in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Education dated April 26, 1899, p. 485 of the Minutes.

NINTH DISTRICT.

Girls' High School.—The question of increasing the salary of the Janitor of the Girls' High School is now under consideration by this Department.

P. S. 8.—The question of obtaining additional land is at present impossible, owing to the resolution of the Board of Education above mentioned.

P. S. 106.—Orders have been given for repairing this cracked ceiling.

P. S. 113.—There is no electric main available for the introduction of electric lights.

P. S. 125.—The room in the Judson Memorial Chapel has been fitted up and is now in use by kindergarten class.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

P. S. 11.—Screens will be provided for cutting off the draught from the teachers in the assembly room.

P. S. 55.—The question of the erection of a school to relieve this one has been reported upon by the Superintendent of School Buildings.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

P. S. 49.—Orders have been given for the erection of the wire mesh wardrobes requested in the playroom of this school.

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

P. S. 74.—With regard to the fitting up of the rooms in the fifth story for the occupancy of the Janitor, it has not been the custom to permit the janitors to reside in schools; in this case, however, the Janitor is a single man—a bachelor—and only one person is said to reside with him in the school, so it would seem no harm could result from this permission if it were granted. The cost of fitting up the apartments would be about $300.

P. S. 76.—The platform desk requested would cost about $300, inasmuch as it is not only the desk but the platform itself, and the panel of the wall, which the Principal would like to have replaced. These are all of black walnut and somewhat darker in appearance, with the light oak fittings which are usually placed in recent schools. Nevertheless, they are in good condition and perfectly serviceable, and I doubt the advisability of spending so much money when not absolutely necessary. Moreover, I am of the opinion that this old black walnut furniture will hereafter be more esteemed than it is now.

P. S. 76.—With regard to the acquisition of the property adjoining this school, it is a lot about 100 feet square, situated on the east side of Lexington avenue and the north side of Sixty-seventh street, now used by the Mt. Sinai Hospital as a playground. Under the resolution of the Board of Education above quoted, proceedings to acquire it cannot now be undertaken.

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

P. S. 158.—The blackboards have been ordered for a long time and will probably soon be furnished. The excuse that the contractors make is that it is impossible to quarry blackboard slate during the winter season, and that slate of the required size was not to be found in the market.

Wherever it is possible to provide closet room without cutting off seating space, it will be done.

P. S. 70.—An appropriation has been made for the repairs of furniture, which will shortly be done.

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

P. S. 93.—With regard to the draught in the room at the head of the stairs on the third story, the remedy sug-

gested, of making a recess in the room for a recessed doorway, I should hardly approve, inasmuch as it would cut off six seats from the seating capacity of the room and would render egress from the room difficult. Moreover, if the draught is felt as stated, when the door is closed, it would seem as if it might come from some other source than the stairs complained of.

P. S. 54.—The property belonging to the City, on the east side of Public School 54 here alluded to, consists of two frame buildings each 25 feet wide, the lots being 100 feet deep. The surface of the ground is about 3 feet above grade. It would be advisable to pull down the buildings, fill in the cellars and concrete the surface in order to use it as a school yard.

P. S. 93.—With regard to oiling the floors, accidents have occurred by children slipping on floors so treated, so that I hesitate to comply with this request.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

P. S. 27.—The acquisition of the irregular piece of ground in the rear, is stopped under the same resolution of the Board of Education above referred to. The defective plumbing has been referred to the Sanitary Department, and will be immediately investigated.

The carpet for the teachers' room will shortly be furnished, and the Principal's platform will be attended to during the vacation.

P. S. 73.—The acquisition of the adjoining house spoken of is stopped by the same resolution of the Board of Education above referred to.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ROBINSON,

Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings,

Borough of Manhattan.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the School Inspectors of the respective districts be notified of the contents of Mr. Robinson's report.

Adopted.

Public School 20.—Mrs. Mary E. Williams, Supervisor of Cookery, with reference to the order of changing the kitchen into a classroom, etc., and dividing the days in the week between the cooking classes and the regular classes. (Minutes, pp. 117, 178 and 185.)

The Borough Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Jasper, reported against the use of the room in the manner advocated by Mrs. Williams, *i. e.* for the double purpose of a kitchen and classroom, and submitted a report from Dr. Hunt, associate Borough Superintendent, showing the impracticability of the scheme proposed.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the reports be received and the item stricken from the calendar.

Adopted.

No 180 Cherry Street.—Offer of the estate of A. E. Goodspeed, to rent the second floor and attic of the premises. (Minutes, p. 186.)

The Borough Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Jasper, and Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson, reported the premises not suitable for school purposes.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the offer be rejected.

Adopted.

Public School 25.—With reference to recommendation of Mr. Adams, that a workshop be erected in the yard of the school. (Minutes, p. 186.)

Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent and Mr. Robinson, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, recommended that

a workshop be arranged for in a one story building to be placed in the southerly part of the westerly playground.

Ordered, That the matter be recommended to the Board of Education through the School Board.

Public School 25.—Consideration of the matter of erecting an external staircase for the egress of male grammar pupils, as suggested by Mr. Adams. (Minutes, p. 187.)

Mr. Robinson, Deputy Superintendent, reported that the building, at present, has four stone staircases, besides the main stairs, which is of wood; on each story there are fourteen classrooms—nevertheless, it seems impossible to find a place to put additional stairs, whether external or internal, without darkening classrooms and rendering them useless.

Mr. Rogers moved that the suggestion and report be placed on file.

Adopted.

Public School 80, F. D.—From Associate Borough Superintendent Shimer recommending that one rear room on the first floor be fitted up for a kindergarten. (Minutes, p. 188.)

Laid over, to be considered upon receipt of report from Committee on Studies.

Analyses of quarterly reports of School Inspectors for the Seventh, Twelfth, Twenty-seventh and Twenty-third Districts.

Laid over, to be considered upon receipt of reports from Mr. Robinson and Mr. Morgan.

Public School 27.—From the School Inspectors for the Sixteenth District, to provide a new piano stool and electric bells for P. S. 27.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Public School 18.—From the Inspectors of the Eighteenth District, recommend that land on Fifty-second street be acquired on the rear of the school, and a school building be erected thereon; to provide a closet for room No. 42; to change wardrobes, etc.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Public School 3.—Report of Deputy Superintendent Robinson, with reference to accommodation for Free Lectures in this school, stating that he has given orders for putting gaslights upon the fire escape, and as soon as that is done, the gate in the yard opening upon the street will be opened during the lecture. There is now in course of construction an addition to the yard space which will soon be completed, giving easier exit from the building on the first story; also, there is no necessity for cutting any door between the boys' and girls' playrooms.

The report was accepted and placed on file.

Public School 77.—A communication was received from William McMannis, engineer assistant, stating that the cost to wire the building and place all necessary globes, etc., throughout where required, would be about $900.

Mr. Rogers moved that the School Board recommend to the Board of Education to have the work done during the summer vacation.

Adopted.

Public School 115, Annex.—The clerk reported that the lease of the premises in the church, located corner One hundred and fiftieth street and Mott avenue, would expire on July 1, 1899. Present rent $3,000 per annum, including heat, light and janitor's service.

The Borough Superintendent of Schools reported:

"As new P. S. 167, Mott and Walton avenues, is expected to

be ready before September, I do not recommend the renewal of the lease of the premises."

Mr. ROGERS, that this Committee recommend to the School Board that the Board of Education be notified that the premises will not be required after July 1, 1899.

Adopted.

Public School 109.—The clerk reported that the lease of premises on corner Ninety-ninth street and Second avenue would expire on October 1, 1899. Present rent $4,200 per annum.

The Borough Superintendent of Schools reported:

"This school is a large one with crowded classes. P. S. 109 (new), Ninety-ninth and One hundredth streets, between Second and Third avenues, has been begun, but will probably not be finished before the expiration of the lease of the old building. I therefore recommend the renewal of the lease until the new building is completed."

Mr. ROGERS moved that the School Board recommend to the Board of Education, a renewal of the lease of the premises for one year.

Adopted.

Public School 152, Annex; Formerly P. S. 144.—The Clerk reported that the lease of the premises on Burnett place, Springhurst, would expire on September 15, 1899. Present rent, $720, including service of Janitor and all repairs. A communication was also received from the Springhurst Property Owners' Association, submitting a resolution requesting the Board of Education to continue the use of the building in question.

A communication was also received from Charles G. Jorgensen, asking an increase in the rental from $720 to $900 per annum.

The Borough Superintendent of Schools reported as follows:

"This building is used as an annex to Public School 152, and cannot be abandoned at this time. I recommend the renewal of the lease for not less than two years, unless some other provision is made in the locality."

Mr. ROGERS moved that the School Board recommend to the Board of Education a renewal of the lease in question for a term of two years upon such favorable terms as the same can be secured.

Adopted.

Public School 149.—The Clerk reported that the lease of the premises Nos. 182 and 184 Cherry street would expire on December 15, 1899, the Board having the privilege of a renewal for two years on the same terms, provided it gives six months' notice in advance of its intention to renew the same. Present rent, $4,750, owner keeping roofs in repair.

The Borough Superintendent of Schools reported as follows:

"This building will be needed for the accommodation of the pupils in this district until Public School 177 is completed (Market and Monroe streets). I therefore recommend that the lease be renewed for one year, with privilege of further renewal."

Mr. ROGERS moved that the School Board recommend to the Board of Education a renewal of the lease in question for one year, with privilege of further renewal.

Adopted.

St. Michael's P. E. Church, One hundredth street, west of Amsterdam avenue.—The Clerk announced that the lease of the premises in the Church in question, occupied for public school

purposes, would expire on November 15, 1899. Present rent, $3,200 per annum.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent of Schools for report as to advisability of renewing the lease in question.

Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.—With reference to the rate of wages paid by contractors.

Referred to the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education.

Public School 40.—From George W. Harrison, Principal, requesting that the Janitor, George W. Van Demark, be transferred with the school to the new building.

Placed on file.

Public School 138.—From Miss Eliza A. Caterson, Principal, for permission to use the building after three o'clock, P. M., on June 15th, to receive the parents of pupils for the purpose of having them inspect the work of the pupils.

Granted.

Public School 152, Annex, Springhurst.—From Mary Kelly, complaining of the action of the janitor and his wife in abusing her.

The Clerk reported that the janitor of this Annex was employed by the owner of the property under the terms of the lease.

Ordered, That a copy of the complaint be transmitted to the owner of the premises.

Public School 137.—From the Borough Superintendent of Schools, recommending that the west room on the playground floor, designated for a Kindergarten, be fitted up for a Primary class of 1 A grade.

Approved.

Public School 2.—From the Borough Superintendent of Schools, recommending that the room at the right of the main entrance be separated from the playground by a partition and furnished as a Primary classroom.

Approved.

Public School 3.—From John H. Myers, Principal, stating that a Committee of Girls from the Mixed High School called upon him and requested the use of the gymnasium in his school for two afternoons in the month of June, after 3 o'clock, P. M., he agreeing to remain until the close of their exercises and insist that one or more teachers of the Mixed High School shall be present.

Granted, and Mr. Myers to notify the Clerk of the dates upon which it is proposed to use the gymnasium in question.

Public Schools 23 and 108.—*Ordered*, To recommend to the Board that the janitor of P. S. 108, who, in addition to his duties in that school, was assigned on March 1st, to take charge of P. S. 23, temporarily, be paid the salary of the position less the rent allowance for the janitor of the latter named school.

Public School 5.—Mr. ADAMS moved that a resolution be presented to the School Board, requesting the Board of Education to put up such an addition to P. S. 5—the adjoining property having recently been acquired on One hundred and forty-first street—as may be considered practicable and necessary by the Borough Superintendent of Schools and Superintendent of School Buildings.

Adopted.

Public School 42.—Consideration of the testimony taken in the complaint against Thomas Leonard, Janitor, by Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson, of neglect of

duty. The evidence was taken before the Committee on May 8, 1899.

Mr. ADAMS moved that the suspension of Mr. Leonard continue until the morning of Wednesday, May 17, 1899, and that on said morning he be restored to duty; also, that this Committee recommend to the School Board that he be fined five days' pay for neglect of duty.

Adopted.

Public School 38.—Consideration of the testimony taken in the complaint made by Mrs. Rogers and Miss Gallagher, Principals, against Charles W. Miller, Janitor, of neglect of duty. The evidence was taken before the Committee on May 8, 1899.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the suspension of Mr. Miller continue until the morning of Wednesday, May 17, 1899, without pay, and that on said morning he be restored to duty; also, that this Committee recommend to the School Board that he be fined five days' pay for neglect of duty.

Adopted.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, MAY 22, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, No. 585 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. ADAMS, LIVINGSTON, O'BRIEN and ROGERS—5.

The Minutes of the meeting held May 15th, 1899, as printed, were approved.

Public School 23.—The matter of selecting a janitor for this school, was again laid over. (Minutes, pp. 111, 119, 130, 139, 149, 157, 166, 173 and 195.)

Girls' High School.—From Oscar E. Poole, Janitor, asking for an increase in his annual salary. (Minutes, pp. 111, 119, 130, 139, 149, 157, 166, 173 and 196.)

A report was received from Dr. Wight, Principal of the school, describing the duties performed by Mr. Poole, the janitor, and recommending that his salary be increased to enable him to employ additional help.

Mr. ADAMS moved that this Committee recommend to the School Board, that the salary of the janitor of the Girls' High School be increased $520 per annum, to take effect on June 8, 1899.

Adopted.

Public School 62, Annex.—From the Borough Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Jasper, recommending that the Annex be fitted up for classrooms instead of a gymnasium and cooking rooms as heretofore recommended by him. (Minutes, pp. 123, 131, 139, 149, 177, 185 and 197.) NOTE—See report of Mr. Robinson, on page 197 of the Minutes.

The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, submitted a report in which he recommends that plans be prepared for fitting up three classrooms on the second floor and a kindergarten classroom and playroom on the first floor of the said Annex.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the recommendation of the Borough Superintendent of Schools be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 80, F. D.—From Associate Borough Superintendent Shimer recommending that one rear room on the first floor be fitted up for a kindergarten. (Minutes, pp. 188 and 203.)

Laid over, to be considered upon receipt of a report from the Committee on Studies.

Analysis of quarterly reports of the Inspectors of the Seventh and Twenty-seventh districts:

Deputy Superintendent Robinson presented the following report:

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: In reference to the Quarterly Reports of the Board of Inspectors, I beg to submit the following:

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Public School 122.—The gas lights asked for have been ordered.

Public School 25.—A metal ceiling will be placed upon the ceiling of cellar during the coming vacation.

With regard to placing a door in the gable of the Annex, such a door will be cut as soon as possible.

The window that is asked for in the gable of the Annex has been embodied in the specification for vacation repairs.

The rear of the main building will be pointed up and painted as soon as funds are available for the purpose.

A hand rail on the stairs from main building to Annex has been ordered and will be placed in position as soon as possible.

With regard to providing additional means for exit in case of emergency, close examination has been made, but no opportunity appears for providing any additional stairs. There are two stairs now from the Annex, which are fireproof, and these should be sufficient for exit.

TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Public School 24.—With regard to providing further fire escapes, there are already complete iron stairs on the outside of the building leading from Madison avenue, and another leading to One hundred and twenty-fifth street.

Public School 123.—In view of the near approach to completion of Public School 157, it seems inadvisable that extensive changes and expense, such as the construction of fire escapes would mean, should be placed upon this leased building.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. ROBINSON,
Dep'ty Sup't of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the School Inspectors of the respective districts be notified of the contents of Mr. Robinson's report.

Adopted.

Analysis of quarterly report of the Inspectors for the Thirty-third School District. (Minutes, p. 203.)

Laid over to be considered upon the receipt of the report from Mr. Morgan, Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings.

Public School 18.—From the Inspectors of the Eighteenth School District, recommending that land on East Fifty-second street, in the rear of the school be acquired, and a school building be erected thereon; to provide a closet for room No. 42; to change wardrobes, etc. (Minutes, p. 204.)

Laid over for consideration upon receipt of Mr. Robinson's report.

St. Michael's P. E. Church.—The CLERK reported that the lease of the premises in this Church, located at One hundredth street west of Amsterdam avenue, would expire on November 15, 1899. (Minutes, p. 206.)

The Borough Superintendent of Schools, Mr. JASPER, reported that "I am informed by the Superintendent of School Buildings that P. S. 165 and P. S. 166 will both be opened at the beginning of the next school year, and it will, therefore, be unnecessary to continue the lease on these premises."

Mr. ROGERS moved this committee report to the School Board, notifying the Board of Education that the use of the premises in question will not be required after November 15, 1899.

Adopted.

624 **Fifth Street.**—From the Hebrew Free School Association, offering to rent the premises No. 624 Fifth street at an annual rental of $2,500.

Referred to Borough Superintendent JASPER for report.

Public School 24.—From Frank E. Karelsen, Inspector Twenty-seventh School District, relative to re-arranging desks in two classrooms.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent ROBINSON.

Public School 53.—From the Inspectors of the Twenty-fourth School District, recommending the removal of the stair-

cases on the front of the school; also, that the furniture for two rooms now stored on the ground floor, be placed in the school rooms they are intended for, for immediate use.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

210 East Twenty-first Street.—From the Board of Education, giving notice that the premises which the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund were requested to rent for school purposes had been rented to other parties for one year from May 1, 1900.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the item be stricken from the calendar.

Adopted.

353-355 East Sixty-eighth Street (Church.)—From the Board of Education, giving notice that the Church authorities refused to sign the lease as authorized by the Board of Education and Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, claiming that it was not their intention in the proposition submitted for leasing the same, to include the entire basement, but the hall and the Janitor's apartments were to be excluded; that the Church expected to use this floor on the evenings of each week day after 6 o'clock P. M., and on Sundays.

Mr. E. A. Hauser, Trustee of the Church, and his counsel, were present, and requested to submit their new proposition in writing, including the price they propose the City shall pay for the lease in question.

Inspectors Second District.—Relative to rearranging the furniture in several rooms of Public School 2; also, to the Principal's platform in Primary Department Public School 7; also, to furnish a new piano for Female Department Public School 7; also, relative to the push-carts surrounding Public School 42; also, relative to appropriating $30 per month to engage the services of a woman to attend to the sanitary appliances in the kindergarten established in the Education Alliance Building in

Henry street, no charge for the use of which is made to the city; also, urging that fire escapes and schoolroom closets be supplied Public School 75, and calling attention to the building which is being erected on the property adjoining the west side of Public School 136.

Referred to Deputy Superintedent Robinson for report.

Public School 2, Female Department.—From Miss Matilda Mosher, Principal, requesting that the old piano in said school be transferred to the gymnasium.

Granted.

Public School 42.—The CHAIRMAN reported that Thomas Leonard, Janitor, had not reported for duty at the school on May 17th, as directed by this Committee.

Mr. Leonard was present and heard.

The Committee directed Mr. Leonard to report to the Principal of the school for duty on Wednesday morning, May 24, 1899, and that his absence from May 17th to May 23d, both inclusive, be not excused, and that the Janitor of Public School 4, who has been continued temporarily in charge of Public School 42, be relieved from that duty after May 23d.

Adopted, Mr. O'BRIEN voting in the negative.

Mr. Leonard was informed that hereafter the first complaint made against him would be followed by his removal.

Public School 38.—Mr. Charles W. Miller, Janitor, who was suspended from duty as Janitor and fined five days' pay, appeared before the Committee, was severely reprimanded and notified that hereafter the first complaint made against him would be followed by his removal.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the Principals of Public Schools 38 and 42 be requested to report to this Committee the first evi-

dence that may come in their possession of the Janitors of the respective schools having indulged in intoxicating liquor.

Adopted.

From the Unionport Taxpayers' Association, requesting the Board to appropriate funds for the erection of a school building in Unionport.

Ordered, That said communication be placed on file.

Public School 150.—From the Superintendent of School Buildings submitting the following readjustment of the salary of the janitor:

Present salary, $1,300; increase, $533 per annum; new salary, $1,833; takes effect, March 13, 1899.

Approved.

Public School 32.—From the Superintendent of School Buildings submitting the following readjustment of the salary of the janitor:

Present salary, $1,963; increase, $26 per annum; new salary, $1,989; takes effect Feb. 1, 1899.

Approved.

From the Mapes Estate Property Owners' Association, urging the establishment of a school on said estate.

Ordered, That said communication be placed on file.

180 Cherry Street.—From the Estate of A. E. Goodspeed offering to rent the front part of the second floor of the premises No. 180 Cherry Street.

Ordered, That said offer be rejected.

From Principals of nine schools requesting that one Educational Leaf Cabinet be supplied each classroom.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies.

Public School 2, P. D.—From Associate Borough Superintendent MELENEY, recommending that this department be provided with lavatories and a room for a shower bath.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent ROBINSON.

197 East Broadway.—The CLERK reported the parlor floor of these premises had been rented since Sept. 1, 1897, at a rental of $25 per month including heat, light and services of a janitor, the agreement to be cancelled upon either party giving sixty days' notice.

The Borough Superintendent, Mr. JASPER, reported that the premises are occupied by four kindergarten classes under the supervision of the Principal of P. S. 75, and are needed because of the lack of room in the latter school.

Ordered, That the occupation of the premises be continued until further orders.

From James Gounoud, formerly Janitor of Public School 67, endorsed by the Principal and teachers of P. S. 67, applying for reinstatement as janitor in one of the schools under the jurisdiction of the Board.

Ordered, That said communication be placed on file.

The CHAIRMAN called the attention of the Committee to the fact that he had noticed a policeman detailed on Amsterdam avenue standing on the corner of the avenue instead of locating himself in the middle thereof for the protection of the children crossing the avenue.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the attention of the Principals of the schools located on the line of Amsterdam avenue be notified of this fact, and if they discover similar cases they are requested to report the same to the Captain of the Police Precinct.

Adopted.

From the City Island Board of Trade for permission to meet in the old school house, corner Main and Orchard streets, once a week.

Mr. Livingston moved that the request be denied, for the reason that the school premises should not be used for purposes other than those directly connected with the public school system.

Adopted.

Vacation Schools and Playgrounds.—The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, submitted a list of school buildings recommended for use by the vacation schools and playgrounds during the coming summer, and found on pages 552 and 553 of the Journal of the School Board, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the list be referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings for report at the next meeting of this Committee, as to which of the schools enumerated can be utilized for the purpose.

Adopted.

Old Public School 20.—From Miss Winifred Buck, Chairman Committee on Evening Clubs of Public Education Association, asking for permission, at the expense of the Association, to place a pair of baskets, for the game of Basket Ball, in one of the playgrounds of Old P. S. 20.

Granted.

Public School 158.—From Bayard W. Purcell, Principal, requesting that the old piano in the gymnasium may be retained in its present place.

Granted.

Public School 21, P. D.—From the Borough Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Jasper, recommending that two or more rooms, as the Building Department may decide, be fitted up in the assembly room to relieve the pressure for accommodations that may arise at the opening of the next school year.

The recommendation was accepted and placed on file.

Annex Public School 54.—The CLERK reported that the lease of the premises in the Grace M. E. Church, located at One hundred and fourth street and Amsterdam avenue, had been renewed by the City from January 1, 1899, from month to month.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that inasmuch as the new building in course of erection in the immediate neighborhood, to which this annex will be transferred, will be completed before the commencement of the school term in September next, that this Committee recommend to the School Board that the Board of Education be notified that the premises in question will not be required for school purposes after July 1, 1899.

Adopted.

Public School 122.—From John Young, Janitor, requesting permission to reside on the school premises.

Denied.

Commercial High School.—Report of the Committee on High Schools, referred to this Committee by the School Board on May 3, 1899, requesting the Committee on Sites and Buildings to select a site in the central portion of the City for the erection thereon of a building to be used as a Commercial High School.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that this Committee recommend to the School Board that the site consisting of ten (10) lots on Sixty-fifth and Sixty-sixth streets, between the Boulevard and Amsterdam avenue, now in the possession of the City for school purposes, be selected as a site upon which to erect a building for a Commercial High School and a Public School.

Adopted.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, MAY 29, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 585–587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. ADAMS, LIVINGSTON and O'BRIEN—4.

The Minutes of the meeting held May 22d, as printed, were approved.

Public School 23.—The matter of selecting a janitor for this school was again laid over. (Minutes, pp. 111, 119, 130, 139, 149, 157, 166, 173, 195 and 211.)

Public School 80.—From Associate Borough Superintendent Shimer, recommending that one rear room on the first floor be fitted up for a kindergarten. (Minutes, pp. 188, 203 and 212.)

Laid over, to be considered upon receipt of a report from the Committee on Studies.

Public School 18.—From the Inspectors of the Eighteenth School District, recommending that land on East Fifty-second street, in the rear of the school, be acquired and a school building be erected thereon. (Minutes, pp. 204 and 214.)

Deputy Superintendent Robinson reported: "It is extremely desirable that the land adjoining Public School 18 should be

acquired, but in view of the absence of funds for the purpose, it seems at present to be out of the question."

Mr. O'Brien moved that report be accepted, and the School Inspectors of the Eighteenth District be notified of its contents.

Adopted.

Public School 59.—From the Inspectors of the Eighteenth School District, recommending that the electric light fixtures in the Primary Department be raised; also to improve the repeating gong system; also, for additional staircases from the Female Department.

Deputy Superintendent Robinson reported: "As to raising the electric lights in the Primary Department of this school, to place them near the ceiling as requested, would require four times the power to give the same light as at present. The gongs are of the usual interval stroke that is supplied; the question of changing this type is under consideration; it would be desirable to provide new stairways for this school were there any space in which to put them."

Ordered, That said report be accepted and the School Inspectors notified of its contents.

Public School 135.—From the Inspectors of the Eighteenth District, recommending that the number of waterclosets for the girls be increased.

Deputy Superintendent Robinson reported: "It is impossible to increase the accommodation of the girls' waterclosets without using substantially the whole of the limited yard space which now exists."

Ordered, That said report be accepted and the Inspectors notified of its contents.

624 Fifth Street.—From the Hebrew Free School Association, offering to rent the premises No. 624 Fifth Street for school purposes at an annual rental of $2,500.

Mr. JASPER, the Borough Superintendent, submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *May* 29, 1899.

To The Committee on Sites and Buildings.

Associate Superintendent Straubenmüller reports to me the following facts:

"No less than 17 buildings on the school block (P. S. 15) are being removed to make room for tenements. The schools in the neighborhood are all crowded and some provision should be made for the accommodation of the prospective increase in school population. I would suggest that the Board make some attempt to procure a site for an annex to this school."

The renting of the premises, 624 Fifth Street, to-day recommended to your Committee, will serve to relieve partially the congestion in this neighborhood, particularly in the vicinity of P. S. 105, but the necessity for additional accommodations to relieve P. S. 15 will still be urgent, and I therefore submit this information to your Committee for such consideration as you may think proper.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved to report to the School Board requesting the Board of Education to secure the lease of the premises in question for one year, with privilege of renewal at a reasonable annual rental not to exceed $2,500.

Adopted.

Public School 24.—From Frank E. Karelsen, Inspector for the Twenty-seventh District, with reference to re-arranging the desks in two classrooms.

Deputy Superintendent Robinson reported: "In reply to the report of Mr. Frank E. Karelsen, Inspector of the Twenty-seventh District, Board of Inspectors, in regard to furniture in

classrooms being placed so that the children's backs are toward the light—permit me to respectfully state, that the seats were so placed in order that when the sliding doors are open the children may face the platform during the assembly."

Ordered, That said report be placed on file, and Mr. Karelsen notified of its contents.

Public School 53.—From the School Inspectors of the Twenty-fourth District, recommending the removal of the staircases on the front of Public School 53.

Deputy Superintendent Robinson reported "that there is no objection to the removal of these staircases, providing the consent of the Department of Buildings can be obtained."

Mr. O'Brien moved that the Committee report to the School Board recommending that the Board of Education cause the staircases in question to be removed, provided the consent of the Department of Buildings can be obtained.

Adopted.

353 and 355 East Sixty-eighth street (Church).—With reference to altering the proposed form of lease. (Received from Board of Education, Minutes, page 215.)

Laid over, to be considered upon receipt of a written proposition from the Church authorities.

Inspectors of the Second District.—Relative to re-arranging the primary seats and desks in room 30, of P. S. 2; also, to have Principal's platform in P. D. 7, set back; also, for a new piano for F. D. 7; also, complaining about the pushcart venders surrounding the building of P. S. 42; also, that $30 a month be appropriated to pay for a woman to take charge of the sanitary facilities in the rooms of the Educational Alliance Building, No. 197 East Broadway, Annex P. S. 75; also, for additional accommodation for P. S. 75; also calling attention to

the fact that a building is now being erected on the property adjoining the west side of P. S. 136 in Monroe street.

Deputy Superintendent Robinson reported as follows:

NEW YORK, *May* 29, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: In reply to the report of the Board of Inspectors of the Second District, permit me respectfully to state that the primary seats and desks in Room 30 of P. S. 2, will be changed during the coming vacation.

P. S. 7.—With regard to the change requested in the Principal's platform, it is impossible to comply with it on account of the construction of the building and the position of the sliding doors; behind the Principal's platform is a brick wall, and it would be a costly matter to cut recesses in it. The sliding doors in front of platform cannot be moved without diminishing the seating capacity.

With regard to the application of Miss Davis for a new piano —the Female Department of No. 7 is not upon the list of schools most urgently in need of pianos, which has been furnished to this Department; it would require probably, a year to furnish a new piano.

P. S. 42.—With regard to the complaint of pushcarts in the neighborhood of the building—notice has been given to the Police, and carts are not allowed to stand on the sidewalk belonging to the building; they do stand, however, on the opposite sidewalk. It may be doubted whether there is legal authority to demand their removal from any sidewalks, except those belonging to the school.

P. S. 75.—The question of the appointment of a matron to take charge of the classes that now occupy the Educational Alliance Building rooms is somewhat changed by the fact that as I understand, the Educational Alliance will demand hereafter, rental for those rooms; should the Board of Education

lease the rooms such arrangements can be made in connection of the toilet rooms as to make the employment of a matron unnecessary.

With regard to the acquisition of a site for an addition to this building, funds are not available at present.

P. S. 136.—The buildings alluded to as in progress, have been topped out and the constructive work upon them is almost completed.

In view of the lack of funds for the acquisition of sites, it is improbable that their construction can be arrested at present.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. ROBINSON,
Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the report be accepted and the Inspectors notified of its contents.

Adopted.

In the matter of the complaint as to pushcarts in the neighborhood of Public School 42, the Clerk was instructed to request the Captain of the Police Precinct, to have the carts in question removed from the opposite side of the street, provided it be within his power.

The consideration of the matter of appropriating $30 per month to pay for services of a woman to be employed in the building No. 197 East Broadway, was laid over.

Public School 2, P. D.—From Associate Borough Superintendent Meleney, recommending that P. D. 2 be provided with lavatories and a room for a shower bath.

Deputy Superintendent Robinson reported "It has been unusual to furnish lavatories and showerbaths."

Denied.

Vacation Schools and Playgrounds.—The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *May* 26, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings, School Board, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

GENTLEMEN: In reference to your request that I should report in regard to whether or not any of the school buildings enumerated in a list submitted by the Board of Superintendents to the School Board on May 17, 1899, were unavailable for use during the summer vacation for Vacation Schools and Playgrounds, I would respectfully submit the following:

Public Schools 13, 57, 71 and 88 will not be available on account of vacation repairs, etc., being in progress.

In Public School 25 only the addition will be available.

Of the Buildings chosen for use as Playgrounds, Public Schools 15, 28, 40, 49 and 59 will have alterations, etc., in progress which will prevent their occupancy.

At Public Schools 19, 33 and 53 only the additions will be available.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that a copy of the report be transmitted to the Committee on Special Schools.

Adopted.

Public School 6.—From John J. Shelley, Janitor, for an increase in his salary.

Referred to Mr. Snyder for report.

Public School 77.—From Miss Julia Richman, Principal, requesting that the two stores, Nos. 327 and 329 East Eighty-sixth street, be leased for use as on annex, in lieu of No. 1637 First avenue.

Deputy Superintendent Robinson submitted a report from Patrol Inspector Lee, in which he states that the owner requires an annual rental of $1,000 each.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the offer be rejected.

Adopted.

Public School 63.—From John H. Meyers, Principal, reporting that a new piano had been sent to his school, and requesting permission to retain the old piano, and have it placed in the gymnasium.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the request be denied, that the old piano be removed from the school and the new piano be placed in the department for which it was intended.

Adopted.

From the Superintendent of School Buildings submitting copies of orders which he had issued to janitors with reference to care of boilers, etc., as follows:

NEW YORK, *May* 26, 1899.

HON. MORRIS E. STERNE,

Chairman, Committee on Sites and Buildings.

DEAR SIR: Enclosed herewith please find copies of notices sent to the Janitors of the Public Schools in the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx on May 26, 1899. No. 40 was sent to the buildings which contain heating apparatus only and No. 41 to the buildings where a ventilating plant is installed.

As these notices were sent out in accordance with our usual custom, I respectfully ask that my action be approved.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,

Superintendent of School Buildings.

ORDER No. 40.

To the Janitors of the Public Schools,
Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

You are hereby notified that when steam is no longer required for heating the building you must remove all ashes from boiler tubes, arches over boilers, smoke pipes, chambers back of bridge walls and clean all fixtures, including galvanized iron air ducts in cellar, if any, inside and out.

Also blow the water from each boiler and refill same to a sufficient height for water to run out of the pet cock attached to the ¼-inch pipe of steam gauges.

Notify this office as soon as this order has been complied with that an inspection may be made.

When steam is required for your building after vacation you must again empty the boilers, fill them with water to the proper height and make ready to start the fires when required.

Respectfully,
C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

By order of the Committee on Sites and Buildings, School Board, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

May 26, 1899.

ORDER No. 41.

To the Janitors of the Public Schools,
Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

You are hereby notified to shut down the ventilating apparatus only, in your building on May 29, 1899, and not run same until further orders.

The heating plant to be continued in operation as long as required.

The following instructions must be observed:

Remove at once all packing from the piston rods and valve stems of engines and pumps; cylinder and steam chest covers to

be taken off and the cylinders, valve seats and piston and valve rods cleaned and thoroughly oiled with cylinder oil; all dirt and grease must be removed from and around engines, motors, blowers, fans, pumps and shafting; also all ashes from boiler tubes, arches over boilers, smoke pipes, chambers back of bridge walls and all fixtures, including fresh air ducts in connection with the heating and ventilating apparatus throughout the building.

When heat is no longer required in the building, blow the water from each boiler and refill same to a sufficient height for water to run out of the pet cock attached to the ¼-inch pipe of steam gauges.

Notify this office as soon as this order has been complied with that an inspection may be made.

When steam is required after vacation you must again empty the boilers, fill them with water to the proper height and make ready to start the fires when necessary.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. Snyder,

Superintendent of School Buildings.

By order of the Committee on Sites and Buildings, School Board, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

May 26, 1899.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the action of the Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 10.—From Mr. J. C. Lester, Janitor, asking that his absence in the afternoon of May 26, 1899, be excused.

Granted with pay.

Public School 63.—From Mr. Adolph Maisch, Janitor, approved by Mr. Meyers, Principal asking for leave of absence for thirty days commencing with July 10, 1899.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that Mr. Maisch be granted leave of absence for ten days commencing with July 10, 1899, with pay, that being the limit of the committee's power, and that Mr. Maisch furnish Mr. Snyder with the name of the person who is to be in charge of the premises during his absence.

Adopted.

Public School 97.—The following communication was received from Borough Superintendent Jasper:

NEW YORK, *May* 29, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

Pursuant to a request made by Michael E. Devlin, Principal of P. S. 97, and approved by Associate Superintendent Davis, I would respectfully recommend that an out-building be erected in connection with P. S. 97, in which provision can be made for instruction in cooking, shop work, and gymnastics, the same to be located in such place on the premises as the Superintendent of School Buildings may approve.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

Ordered, That this Committee report to the School Board recommending the subject to the favorable consideration of the Board of Education.

Quarterly Report of the Inspectors of the Thirty-Third District.—Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *May* 24, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

GENTLEMEN:—With reference to the analyses of the quarterly reports of the Board of Inspectors for the thirty-third district, dated May 2, 1899, I would respectfully report as follows:

Urging additional school accommodations in this district: The Inspectors have recommended in previous reports that this

matter receive immediate attention. The Chairman of the Committee on Sites and Buildings offered a resolution that the school sites now in possession of the City be improved, including the plot 210x111½ feet on One Hundred and Sixty-third street, between Morris and Grant avenues, for New Public School 178, also the plot 100x150 feet on Ogden avenue at south side of Public School 91 for addition; both of these plots are located in this district.

Recommending that additional school accommodations be provided at Public Schools 133 and 61.

These are very necessary and should be done, but are temporarily held up for lack of funds.

That a site be purchased at Springhurst for the erection of a school building.

I would recommend that this matter be referred to the Borough Superintendent for his opinion.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. M. MORGAN,

Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Borough of the Bronx.

Ordered That the report be accepted, the Inspectors notified of its contents and that the matter of securing a site at Springhurst be referred to the Borough Superintendent of schools for report.

Mixed High School.—Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan presented the following:

NEW YORK, *May* 29, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

GENTLEMEN:—In the matter of fitting up a Physical Laboratory in the Mixed High School, recommendation has been made by the Committee on High Schools to the Borough Superintendent that this work be done, and by him referred to this Department for approval.

The intention is to use the present classroom at the southeast

part of the first story, this being a corner room about 20 feet square; the light is good and the room well adapted for the purpose. The present blind window should be cut through to give additional light. Eight ash tables 4 feet square and 20 lineal feet of wall tables are required, also three enameled steel sinks supplied with hot and cold water, gas supply to tables for experimental uses, opaque shades to windows and a 10 foot square screen for lantern uses.

The cost of this work will be about $500.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. MORGAN,

Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Borough of the Bronx.

Ordered, That this Committee report to the School Board recommending the matter to the favorable consideration of the Board of Education.

Public School 101.—Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan submitted the following:

NEW YORK, *May* 27, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: In relation to the fitting up of the workshop in basement of Public School 101, Wakefield, I would respectfully report that the sketch plan submitted to Superintendent Jasper was returned with his approval on April 22, 1899, also with the approval of Principal McCarthy.

The plan proposed contemplates taking the recessed portion at the northeast corner of the boys' playground, filling up arched openings at present in brick centre wall with doors and sash, cutting two new windows in north outside wall to correspond with openings above on first story and putting up new wood and metal ceiling. This would make a room 24x30 feet in size, well lighted and adapted to the purpose; the expense would be about $300. As the ceiling is only about 8 feet high, I would suggest

that no wood floor be put down as the present concrete pavement is dry and suitable for a work-shop.

Respectfully submitted,
C. M. MORGAN,
Acting Deputy Sup't of School Buildings,
Borough of The Bronx.

Ordered, That this Committee report to the School Board, recommending the matter to the favorable consideration of the Board of Education.

Public School 34.—The Borough Superintendent of Schools submitted the following:

NEW YORK, *May* 29, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

Application has been made for the formation of three class-rooms out of the gymnasium on the fifth floor of the annex to P. S. 34.

As there are at the present time 555 children in half-day classes in the primary department of this school, and it will be impossible to accommodate the June promotions unless additional accommodations are furnished, I recommend that the request be granted.

Respectfully,
JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

Ordered, That a resolution be introduced in the School Board, recommending the matter to the favorable consideration of the Board of Education.

Public School 28.—From Mr. Robinson, Janitor, asking for an increase rent allowance.

Ordered, That the rent allowance of the Janitor of P. S. 28, Mr. Robinson, be increased from $280 to $312 per annum, taking effect on June 1, 1899.

Inspectors Sixteenth District.—Deputy Superintendent Robinson submitted the following report:

May 29, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: With regard to the requests of Mr. James I. Higginson, Chairman of the Board of Inspectors of the Sixteenth District, in reference to Public School 27, permit me to respectfully state that a new piano stool has been provided.

The request to put in electric bells has been referred to the Department of Heating and Ventilation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ROBINSON,
Dep'ty Sup't of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

Ordered, That said report be placed on file and the Inspectors notified of its contents.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board, of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 583-587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. ADAMS, LIVINGSTON, O'BRIEN and ROGERS—4.

The Minutes of the meeting held May 29, 1899, as printed, were approved.

Public School 74.—Consideration of the recommendation of the Inspectors of the Twentieth District, that the fifth story of the school building be fitted up for the residence of the janitor.

Referred to Mr. ADAMS.

Public School 54.—Consideration of the recommendation of the Inspectors of the Twenty-fifth District, that the two frame buildings on the east side of the school, recently acquired, be torn down. (For report of Deputy Superintendent Robinson, see Minutes, page 201.)

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that this Committee report to the School Board, requesting the Board of Education to cause the two buildings referred to, to be torn down, the cellars filled in and the surface concreted.

Adopted.

Public School 23.—The matter of selecting a janitor for this school was again laid over. (Minutes, pp. 111, 119, 130, 139, 149, 157, 166, 173, 195, 211 and 221.)

353 and 355 East 68th Street (Church).—With reference to altering the proposed form of lease. (Received from the Board of Education, Minutes, p. 215.)

Laid over, to be considered upon receipt of a written proposition from the church authorities.

Public School 6.—From John J. Shelly, Janitor, for an increase in his annual salary.

Denied.

Public School 81.—Bill of William J. Oliver, for services as acting janitor, during the month of May, $153, being the salary of the position.

Ordered, That said bill be recommended to the Board for payment.

Public School 109.—Complaint of a taxpayer (anonymous), charging the assistant to the janitor with removing school property from the building.

Mr. John M. Commer, the janitor, and Mr. Adolph Mulker, his assistant, were present and heard.

After hearing all the evidence in the case, the Committee dismissed the complaint.

327 and 329 East 86th Street (Stores).—Mr. J. S. Douglass, attorney for the owner, appeared before the Committee and made a new offer to rent the two stores for three years, commencing September 1, 1899, with privilege of renewal for three years, at an annual rental of $1,800, three months notice to be

given before expiration of the lease of the Boards intention to renew the same; the premises to be altered by the Board, and at the expiration of the lease, restored to the condition they may be in at the time of commencement of the lease.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent ROBINSON for report.

Patriotic League.—From Mr. W. Seymour, requesting permission to use one of the school buildings on Henry street, for the purpose of a patriotic league of boys' drilling.

Ordered, That Mr. Seymour be notified that final action has not been taken on the former application of the league. When the matter was under consideration, the league was requested to submit a written document outlining the course to be pursued, naming the school, the dates, hour, and to be at no expense to the city, including supervision and janitor service. When this document is received the matter will be again considered.

Public School 57.—From Mr. Wm. F. McCusker, janitor, asking that he be excused for absence on this afternoon, June 5.

Granted with pay.

Truant School.—The following communication was received from the Committee on Special Schools:

NEW YORK, *June* 5, 1899.

HON. MORRIS E. STERNE,
Chairman, Committee on Sites and Buildings.

DEAR SIR:—I enclose herewith copy of a communication from the Superintendent of Buildings, to the Committee on Special Schools, in reference to the selection of a site for a new Truant School and sundry papers and pamphlets in relation to the same, which are referred to in the enclosed communication.

This communication and the papers accompanying it were presented to the Committee on Special Schools at its last meeting, and the Committee decided to refer the matter to the

Chairman of the Committee, Hon. Miles M. O'Brien, with the request that he confer with the Committee on Sites and Buildings, and, in connection with that Committee, select two or three sites available for this purpose, and that the same be reported to the Committee on Special Schools as soon as convenient.

Very respectfully,

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

Ordered, That the Committee on Special Schools be notified that it is the opinion of this Committee that if a new Truant School (or Model Industrial Institute) is to be established, it would be better for the wellfare of the institution that a large plot of land be secured outside the boundaries of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, which can be secured at a much less expense than if purchased or acquired in the city.

Public School 21.—From Miss Ellen Collins, Inspector of the Ninth School District, recommending the enlargement of Public School 21.

Referred to Borough Superintendent JASPER, and the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Public School 158.—From Daniel Riordan, Janitor, asking for a leave of absence for a few days to attend to urgent family matters.

Granted, with pay, Mr. Riordan to furnish the Committee with the dates on which he will be absent and also notify Mr. Snyder of the name of the assistant who will be in charge.

244 and 246 East 52d Street.—The Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Jacob Fleischhaur, the owner of the premises, of the condition of his lease of the premises to the city in which he stipulates to make all repairs, etc., and to attend to the same at once.

Public School 160.—From the Borough Superintendent, recommending that the furniture in several rooms on the third floor be changed so as to allow the older primary pupils to occupy rooms 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, and the grammar pupils to occupy the remaining rooms on these floors; also, that furniture be placed in the room on the basement floor originally designed for kindergarten purposes, in order that primary pupils may be admitted.

Mr. O'Brien moved that this Committee report to the School Board, requesting the Board of Education to carry out the recommendations of the Borough Superintendent.

Adopted.

Arthur McMullin,
Secretary.

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, No. 146 Grand street, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. ADAMS, LIVINGSTON, O'BRIEN and ROGERS—5.

The Minutes of the meeting held June 5, 1899, as printed, were approved.

Public School 74.—Recommendation of the Inspectors of the Twentieth School District to fit up the fifth story of the school building for a residence for the janitor. (Mr. Robinson reports the cost will be about $300.)

Mr. ADAMS reported progress.

Public School 23.—The consideration of the subject of appointing a janitor for this school was laid over.

Nos. 353 and 355 East 68th Street (Church).—With reference to altering the proposed form of lease, a new proposition having been received and referred to Mr. Robinson.

Laid over, to be considered upon presentation of Mr. Robinson's report.

Public School 77.—Stores Nos. 327 and 329 East Eighty-sixth street. Offer to rent the stores for $75 per month each.

Deputy Superintendent Robinson presented the following report:

June 12, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: The premises Nos. 353–355 East Eighty-sixth street I have examined. I find that each of these numbers consists of a store 12 feet wide for the greater part of its depth, widening to 14 feet at the front for about 9 feet in depth. In the rear there are two rooms, a living room about 10x19 feet, a kitchen about 8x12 feet, and some closets and sanitary conveniences.

The rooms are not provided with any means of heating them; stoves would have to be placed in the stores to give necessary heat.

The plumbing is in very bad condition and would need to be entirely renewed.

With regard to the rent demanded, which is $75 a month, the only store in the neighborhood which I could find with which to compare it was at 341; this store measures 9 feet wide by 28 feet deep; it has, however, three rooms in the rear and a bath-room.

The rent demanded for this is $35. It appears that $75 is too high a rent for the premises in question.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ROBINSON,
Dep'ty Sup't of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the proposition be rejected.

Adopted.

Patriotic League.—Requesting permission to use one of the school buildings on Henry street, for the purpose of drilling a patriotic league of boys.

Laid over to be considered when Mr. W. W. Seymour submits an outline of the method of conducting such drills, as notified by this Committee at a meeting held June 5, 1899. (Minutes, p. 239.)

Public School 21.—From Miss Ellen Collins, Inspector of the Ninth School District, recommending the enlargement of the school or the providing of additional classrooms.

In connection with the above subject, the following reports were received from the Borough Superintendent and Superintendent of School Buildings:

NEW YORK, *June* 12, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

In relation to the communication received from your Committee regarding a recommendation of Miss Ellen Collins, Inspector of the Ninth School District, that Public School 21 be provided with additional classroom accomodations, I would submit the following:

There is need of additional accommodations for Public School 21, P. D., to provide for the pupils who will enter that school next September. There are three assembly rooms in that building, one on the second floor, used by the Primary Department; one on the fourth floor, used by the Mixed Grammar Department; and one on the third floor, not necessary for the purposes of an assembly of either school. One class occupies a corner of this room.

I recommend that two classrooms be finished in parts of this assembly room; and if on examination and measurement, the size and the arrangement of windows will permit, or if the

windows can be re-arranged so as to give the proper light, then I recommend that four classrooms be finished in this hall.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

NEW YORK, *June* 7, 1899.

MR. ARTHUR MCMULLIN,

Secretary, School Board, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

DEAR SIR: In reply to yours of the 6th inst., referring a recommendation of Miss Ellen Collins, Inspector of the Ninth District, that Public School 21 be enlarged or additional classroom accommodations be provided, would say that the present plot of ground upon which the building now stands is so small that any increase in the size of the present building would be at the expense of the light, air and comfort of the occupants.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson for report.

Public School 42, P. D.—From Miss Margaret F. Brangan, Principal, requesting that the kindergarten rooms be fitted up as ordinary classrooms.

The Borough Superintendent reported as follows:

NEW YORK, *June* 12, 1899.

To The Committee on Sites and Buildings:

In relation to the enclosed application of Miss Margaret F. Brangan, Principal of P. D. 42, I would say that her recommendation, to have the rooms intended for kindergartens fitted up as primary classrooms to furnish accommodations for children

applying for admission to that school, meets with my approval, and I recommend that action be taken accordingly.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the recommendation of Miss Brangan and the Borough Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

Grace M. E. Church—Annex to P. S. 54.—Communication from Mr. Wm. J. Stitt, urging that the premises be not vacated on July 1, 1899, as recommended by the Committee. (May 22d, Minutes, p. 220.)

The CHAIRMAN stated that a report had been prepared for presentation to the School Board at its last meeting, May 17th, notifying the Board of Education that the premises in question would not be required after July 1st, but upon receipt of Mr. Stitt's communication he had withheld the report, and requested the Borough Superintendent to make a further report on the matter.

The action of the Chairman was approved.

The Borough Superintendent submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *June* 12, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

In relation to the communication from Wm. J. Stitt, in regard to the lease of the Grace M. E. Church, used as an annex to P. S. 54, I would say that I have made further investigation, and am of the opinion that as soon as P. S. 165 is opened there will be no need of an annex to P. S. 54. All children who apply to this latter school may easily be accommodated after the grammar boys have been removed.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that a copy of the Borough Superintendent's report be transmitted to Mr. Stitt, and that he be notified that the premises will be vacated July 1, 1899, and the school furniture, fixtures and supplies be removed therefrom; also, that the Secretary of the Board of Education be notified that the premises will be vacated on July 1, 1899.

Adopted.

Public School 96.—With reference to enlarging the cooking room on the fifth story at the expense of the adjoining classroom, and that what is left of this classroom be used as a storeroom. (Minutes, pp. 57, 63, and Mr. Jasper's report on p. 71.)

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the request be denied.

Adopted.

Public School 80.—From Associate Borough Superintendent Shimer, recommending that one rear room on the first floor be fitted up for a kindergarten. (Minutes, p. 188.)

Laid over, to be considered upon receipt of a report from the Committee on Studies.

Public School 80.—From the Committee on Studies, recommending the establishment of a workshop in this school.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the recommendation be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 63.—From John H. Myers, Principal, in answer to the communication addressed to him, by authority of the Committee, with reference to surrendering the old piano to the contractor.

Ordered, That said communication be stricken from the calendar.

Public School 160.—From Miss Lottie A. Norcott, Principal, making a complaint against the janitor.

Ordered, That Miss Norcott and the janitor be summoned before the Committee at its next meeting.

Public School 38.—Consideration of the report suspending and fining Mr. Charles W. Miller, Janitor, for neglect of duty, which was recommitted to the Committee at the last session of the Board.

Ordered, That the Inspectors of the District, Principals of the school and Mr. Miller be summoned before the Committee at its next meeting.

Inspector Second District.—Requesting that a building be provided in the neighborhood of Public School 2, for school purposes.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Inspectors Twentieth District.—Relative to repairs required in P. D. 76; Public School 74, Public School 82, and relative to janitor of Public School 74 being permitted to reside on the premises.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Inspectors Twenty-first District.—Relative to using the school premises adjoining Public School 58, recently acquired.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Public School 140.—From Margaret L. Miller, Principal, complaint against the janitor.

Ordered, That Miss Miller and the janitor be summoned for the next session of the Committee.

From Wm. R. Prescott, with reference to disinfecting the school buildings.

Ordered, That said communication be placed on file.

Nos. 244 and 246 East 52d St.—Mr. Jacob Fleischhauer, owner, appeared before the Committee and protested against the clause inserted in his lease which requires him to keep the premises in tenantable condition, etc.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the hearing be adjourned to next Monday.

Adopted.

Arthur McMullin,
Secretary.

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 583-587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. ADAMS, LIVINGSTON, O'BRIEN and ROGERS—5.

The Minutes of the meeting held June 12th were amended as follows:

In the report of Mr. Robinson, in the matter of renting two stores for the use of P. S. 77 and recorded on page 244, by changing the store numbers from "Nos. 353-355" to "Nos. 327-329."

On page 247, fourteenth line from the top, by striking out "May 17th" and inserting "June 7th."

The Minutes of the meeting held June 12th as printed and amended, were then approved.

Public School 38.—Consideration of the matter of the School Inspectors of the Third District and Principals of Public School 38, formulating charges against the Janitor of this school (see Journal School Board, pp. 683 and 684).

The following communication was received from the Borough Superintendent of Schools:

NEW YORK, *June* 19, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

In relation to the resolution adopted by the School Board on June 7, 1899, instructing me to send for the Inspectors and Principals of P. S. 38, and request them to formulate charges against Charles W. Miller, Janitor of said school, I beg to report that a meeting was called for Monday, June 12th, in accordance with said resolution, and Miss Mary J. Gallagher, Principal of F. D. 38, Miss Mary A. Rogers, Principal of P. D. 38, and Mr. Edwin F. Merwin, Secretary of the Board of Inspectors for the Third District, were present. The matter of the charges against Mr. Miller was laid before said Principals and Inspector, but they refused to take any action in the matter.

Respectfully,
JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

The Inspectors of the district, Principals of the school and Janitor were present.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the investigation be postponed until such time as the Inspectors of the district and Principals of the school shall have formulated charges and filed them with the Borough Superintendent.

Adopted.

Public School 160, P. D.—From Miss Lottie A. Norcott, Principal, complaining of the negligence of the Janitor.

Miss Norcott and the Janitor, Mr. Philip Schupbach, were present and heard.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the complant be dismissed.

Adopted.

Public School 140.—From Miss Margaret L. Miller, Principal, making a complaint against the Janitor for neglect of duty.

Miss Miller and Mr. Thos. Netterfield, Janitor, were present and heard.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the complaint be dismissed.

Adopted.

Public School 23.—The matter of appointing a Janitor for this school was laid over.

Public School 74.—Consideration of the recommendation of the School Inspectors of the Twentieth District to fit up the fifth story of the school building as a residence for the Janitor. (Mr. Robinson reports the cost will be about $300.)

Mr. ADAMS presented a report in which he states that the rooms in question are in the attic, not used for school purposes, and in his opinion not suitable for such use, and recommending that the request be granted.

Mr. ROGERS moved that in view of the fact that it is the rule of the Board that Janitors shall not reside on the school premises, that the application be denied.

Adopted, Mr. Adams voting in the negative.

Mr. LIVINGSTON was excused from voting.

Nos. 353 and 355 East Sixty-eighth street (Church).—With reference to altering the proposed form of lease, a new proposition having been received and referred to the Committee by the Board of Education.

Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson, presented the following report:

June 19, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: I have re-examined the premises of the German Reformed P D. Church at Nos. 353–355 East Sixty-eighth street. I find the space placed by it at the disposal of the Board of Education according to its revised proposition dated June 5, is sufficient to accommodate two Kindergartens; the light, however, is not good enough for it to be used for ordinary classroom purposes.

The furniture used for Kindergartens would hardly be suitable for school purposes; nor even if classroom furniture were placed in position should I deem it advisable that the use of it should be shared by the church and by the Board of Education.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ROBINSON,

Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

The consideration of the matter was laid over.

Patriotic League.—With reference to the use of a school in Henry street in which to drill a company of boys belonging to the league.

The consideration of the matter was laid over.

Public School 21.—From Miss Ellen Collins, Inspector of the Ninth School District, recommending the enlargement of the school or the providing of additional classrooms (see reports of Mr. Jasper and Mr. Snyder, Minutes, pp. 245 and 246).

Deputy Superintendent Robinson presented the following report:

June 19, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: The third story assembly room of Public School 21 I have examined and find that the arrangement of the windows prevents its being properly divided in four classrooms; two classrooms with additional rooms for the use of the teachers and Principal might be formed here at a cost of about $800.

Respectfully,

J. B. ROBINSON,
Dep'ty Sup't of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

The consideration of the matter was laid over.

Nos. 244 and 246 East 52d Street.—Mr. Jacob Fleischhauer, owner, appeared before the Committee and protested against the clause inserted in his lease which requires him to keep the premises in tenantable condition, etc.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that Mr. Fleischhauer be advised to consult with the Counsel to the Corporation with a view to having a construction placed on the clause to which he refers.

Adopted.

Public School 166.—A communication was received from the Superintendent of School Buildings, addressed to the Secretary of the Board, calling attention to the necessity of appointing a watchman for this new building.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Municipal Civil Service Commission, submitting the name of Chas. Vilhauer as standing highest on the eligible list of "Watchman."

Mr. ROGERS moved that Mr. Vilhauer be appointed watchman of Public School building 166, at a salary of $50 per month, to serve during the pleasure of the Committee, and that the matter be reported to the Board for confirmation.

Adopted.

Grace M. E. Church.—From Mr. William J. Stitt, consenting to the Board leaving the school furniture and supplies on the premises until the opening of school in September.

Mr. ROGERS moved that this Committee adhere to its former action to surrender the church premises on and after July 1, 1899.

Adopted.

Public School 46.—From Miss M. I. Norcott, Principal, requesting that the Annex be fitted up for a Kindergarten.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent.

Public School 81.—The following communication was received from the Superintendent of School Buildings:

NEW YORK, *June* 19, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: In reply to your request for information as to how long before a permanent appointment may be given to Wm. J. Oliver, acting janitor of Public School 81, Bedford Park, I beg to say that I have received from the Corporation Counsel an opinion in which he states that "A licensed engineer is not required in those schools where the boilers carry less than ten pounds of steam, although the boiler exceeds ten H. P. in capacity." It therefore seems to me that should it be desired

to make this appointment of Mr. Oliver it can be done at any time.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the Superintendent of School Buildings be requested to nominate a janitor for Public School 81.

Adopted.

Boys' High School.—From Dr. Buchanan, giving notice that the Committee on High School adopted a resolution to the effect that a chemical laboratory and stock room be constructed and equipped; also, that the sliding doors in the upper Assembly Hall to divide the hall into four classrooms, ought to be put in place as soon as it can be conveniently done.

Mr. ROBINSON reported that the sliding doors would cost about $1,500, and that provision for a laboratory and stock room had been inserted in the furniture specification.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the item for sliding doors be approved.

Adopted.

Nos. 327 and 329 East Eighty-sixth Street.—A new proposition was received from Mr. J. S. Douglass, attorney for the owner, to rent the stores at an annual rental of $1,200 for three years commencing September 1, 1899, with privilege of renewal for three years on three months' notice; the premises to be altered by the Board at its expense, and restored to the condition they may be in at the time of commencement of the lease. (See Mr. Robinson's report on condition, etc., of the stores, Minutes, page 244.)

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the Superintendent of School Buildings be requested to report to this Committee as to the availa-

bility of the stores for school purposes, and the estimated cost to place the same in proper condition for the accommodation of school children.

Adopted.

Janitors.—The following communication was received from the Superintendent of School Buildings:

NEW YORK, *June* 19, 1899.

To The Committee on Sites and Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: I beg to call your attention to the fact that in September there will be a number of new schools completed and ready for occupancy, for which it will be necessary to have Janitors.

These appointments should go into effect some time earlier than the opening of school sessions in order that the men placed may have ample time to become acquainted with the apparatus installed therein and get the buildings in proper shape for the reception of pupils.

The buildings are as follows:

P. S. 40, Twentieth street, between First and Second avenues.
" 157, St. Nicholas avenue and One hundred and twenty-seventh street.
" 159, One hundred and nineteenth to One hundred and twentieth streets, between Second and Third avenues.
" 164, One hundred and forty-first street and Brook avenue.
" 165, One hundred and eighth to One hundred and ninth streets, between Amsterdam avenue and Broadway.
" 166, Eighty-ninth street, between Columbus and Amsterdam avenues.
" 167, Mott and Walton avenues, One hundred and forty-fourth and One hundred and forty-sixth streets.
" 169, Audubon avenue, One hundred and sixty-eighth and One hundred and sixty-ninth streets.

In the case of Public School 164 the apparatus is low pressure; in the case of Public Schools 40, 157, 159, 165, 166, 167 and 169 we have high pressure apparatus, fans, pumps and engines, each of which will require a first-class engineer to take care of same.

Respectfully,

C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the Superintendent of School Buildings recommend to this Committee the names of Janitors for transfer to the new school buildings in question.

Adopted.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 583-587 Broadway, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. LIVINGSTON and O'BRIEN—3.

The Minutes of the meeting held June 19th, 1899, as printed, were approved.

Nos. 353 and 355 East 68th St. (Church).—The matter of amending the proposed form of lease made by the Church authorities, and received from the Board of Education (see Minutes, page 215,) was considered.

The report of the Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings will be found on page 254 of the Minutes.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that this Committee report to the Borough Board, to the effect that if the proposed amended offer is accepted, the premises could not be altered so as to make them suitable for school purposes, and recommend that the Board of Education be requested to cancel proceedings in the matter of renting the Church property in question.

Adopted.

Patriotic League.—From Wm. W. Seymour, requesting the use of the playground of New P. S. 1, at Henry, Catharine and

Oliver streets, in which to drill a company of boys belonging to the league, at no expense to the City for supervision or janitor's service, on Monday evenings between 7:30 and 9 o'clock, or on Saturday or Friday evenings during the same hour.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the application be denied, it being the sense of this Committee that the public school premises should not be used for purposes other than those directly connected with public school system.

Adopted.

Public School 46.—From Miss M. I. Norcott, Principal, requesting that the annex be fitted up for a Kindergarten during the summer vacation.

Laid over, to be considered upon the receipt of Mr. Jasper's report.

Nos. 327 and 329 E. 86th St. (Stores).—Consideration of a new proposition from the owner to rent the stores for three years, at $1,200 per year, with privilege of a renewal for three years, commencing September 1, on three months' notice. Premises to be altered by the Board and restored to the condition they may be in at the time of commencement of the lease.

The Superintendent of school buildings stated that we could place only one Kindergarten classroom in each store.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the offer be rejected.

Adopted.

Public School 6.—From the Borough Superintendent of Schools recommending that the rooms on the fifth floor formerly occupied by the janitor, be fitted up for the use of classes.

The Superintendent of School Buildings stated that the janitor's rooms can be utilized for two classes.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the recommendation of the Borough Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

Annex Boys' High School, P. S. 67.—From Philip J. Windecker, Janitor, asking the privilege of taking charge of the lunch counter in said school, commencing with September.

In connection with this application, a communication was received from Dr. Jno. T. Buchanan, Principal of the Boys' High School, recommending that Mrs. Margaret Gounoud be granted the privilege of continuing the lunch counter next year.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the application of Mr. Windecker be denied, and that Mrs. Gounoud be granted the privilege of continuing the lunch counter during the pleasure of this committee, provided lunch is served to the teachers, pupils and officers of the school only.

Adopted.

Public School 51.—The absence of Peter Lynch, Janitor, was excused with pay from 2 to 5 o'clock P. M., on June 16, 1899.

Public School 58.—From the Inspectors of the Twenty-first School District, with reference to utilizing the land in the rear of P. S. 58.

Mr. ROBINSON reported as follows:

June 19, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: With regard to the use of the land now belonging to the City, in the rear of Public School 58, it is very desirable that it should be enclosed and concreted, inasmuch as the yard space of this school is at present extremely limited. I should, however, deprecate using any part of this land or of the present yard for a workshop, even though such shop were placed

upon open arches, for the reason that the space beneath the arches, while available as yard space, would be darkened and rendered damp and unattractive if it were covered in overhead. An entire reconstruction and re-arrangement of the sanitary buildings would permit of the erection of a workshop without diminishing the yard space, but such a reconstruction would be more expensive than the funds now at disposal would warrant.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. ROBINSON,
Dep'ty Sup't of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that this Committee report to the Borough Board, recommending that the Board of Education cause the land on the rear of P. S. 58 to be enclosed and concreted.

Adopted.

Public School 2.—From the School Inspector of the Second District, requesting that additional accommodations be provided for this school.

Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson, submitted the following report:

June 19, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: In reply to the report of the Board of Inspectors of the Second District, I have the honor to report as follows:

Careful investigations have been made in the neighborhood of Public School 2 for a building suitable for additional classes; the only one so far found, is a four-story and basement brick building at 137 Henry Street, now occupied by St. Theresa's Academy.

The first, second and third stories of this building contain each one large room, about 25x50 feet. There is in the rear a large yard, about 25x50 feet covered with flagging.

By building a partition in each of these stories the building might be made suitable for six classes.

The building can be obtained, with gas, heat and janitor's services included, for $3,500 a year.

Although of greater height than allowed by law, as it has already been in use for school purposes, it may be that a continuation of such use might be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ROBINSON,
Dep'ty Sup't of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

The consideration of the matter was laid over.

Public School 166.—Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that Richard E. Sprague be appointed watchman, temporarily, for this school, at a rate of wages of $50 per month, his name having been certified by the Civil Service Commission, and the authority to employ a a watchman having been conferred upon this Committee by the Board.

Adopted.

New Public School 1.—From citizens of the Second Assembly District, requesting that a tablet be placed in this building, containing the names of the gentlemen who were School Trustees of the Fourth Ward, and who worked so energetically to secure the site and building for this school.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that this Committee report to the Board, recommending that the Board of Education carry into effect the request of the citizens of the Second Assembly District.

Adopted.

Public School 8.—From Misses Ada L. Becker and Lottie A. Barwick, approved by John Dwyer, Principal, asking permission to allow boys belonging to the City History Club to meet in the fall, one afternoon bi-weekly, in the school from four to five o'clock.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the request be denied.

Adopted.

From James P. Davenport, protesting against granting a franchise to the Municipal Street Railway for a proposed route on St. Nicholas avenue.

This matter was referred to the Committee by the School Board, to appear before the Committee of the Council and protest against the granting of the franchise referred to.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that Mr. Livingston be requested to represent the Board in opposition to the granting of the franchise in question, at the hearing in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Assembly on Friday, June 30, 1899.

Adopted.

Analysis of the quarterly report of the Inspector for the Thirty-fifth School District.

Referred to Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan.

The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted a report on the qualifications of Janitors who have applied for transfers.

On motion of Mr. O'BRIEN, it was ordered to recommend to the School Board the transfer of the following named janitors:

William F. McCusker, . .	from P. S. 57 to P. S. 159
Edward J. Sheridan, . .	from P. S. 137 to P. S. 157
John Kelly, ...	from P. S. 50 to P. S. 164
John Mullin, ...	from P. S. 2 to P. S. 166
William T. Bishop, . . .	from P. S. 4 to P. S. 169

On motion of Mr. LIVINGSTON, it was ordered to recommend to the School Board the transfer of the following-named janitors:

Edward Cassin, . . .	from P. S. 77 to P. S. 167
John W. Smith, . . .	from P. S. 103 to P. S. 165
Charles W. Brundage, . .	from P. S. 150 to P. S. 40

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that it be inserted in the Minutes that these transfers are made in consequence of length of service, merit, efficiency, and on the recommendation of the Superin-

tendent of School Buildings as to the work done by the janitors transferred.

Adopted.

A delegation of Taxpayers Association appeared before the Committee and urged the selection of a site on the Fox estate.

Public School 151.—Complaint of Messrs. Cornelius F. McCahill and David Barnicle, against Thos. F. Hughes, janitor.

Ordered, That Messrs. McCahill, Barnicle, Hughes and Mrs. O'Brien, Principal of the school be invited to meet with the Committee at its next meeting.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the Superintendent of School Buildings be requested to take measures with the view to selecting two or three suitable sites for a Truant Home and report the same to the Chairman.

Adopted.

Public School 77.—From the Associate Alumni of P. S. 77 for permission to hold a meeting in a room in the Male Department of P. S. 77 on June 28, 1899.

Granted with the proviso that the meeting is not to interfere with the session of the school.

Public School 167.—The Clerk was directed to make application to the Municipal Service Commission for an eligible list of names from which to appoint a day watchman and a night watchman, temporarily, to take charge of Public School building 167 at a rate of wages of $50 per month, and when the list is submitted the first two names submitted be appointed and assigned to Public School 167, to serve during the pleasure of the Committee.

Nos. 244 and 246 East 52d Street.—Mr. Jacob Fleischhauer, owner, appeared before the Committee and requested that

a copy of the agreement accepted by this Committee for leasing the premises be transmitted to the Corporation Counsel.

The Clerk was instructed to comply with the request.

Public School 12.—From Miss Emily N. Bennett, Acting Principal, asking permission to lower the School flag at half-mast, in consequence of the death of Miss Fannie Murray, Principal.

Approved.

Public School 24.—From Frank E. Karelsen, Inspector, with reference to changing the location of the seats in two classrooms of P. S. 24 so that the children will not sit with their backs to the light.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent.

Inspectors of the 20th School District.—Analysis of report.

Deputy Superintendent Robinson reported as follows:

June 19, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: In reply to the Report of the Board of Inspectors of the Twentieth District, permit me respectfully to state as follows:

P. S. 74.—I deem it advisable to postpone furnishing the awning asked for until the completion of the erection of the fire escape, for which a contract has been made.

P. S. 76.—The furniture which is asked for by the Principal, and the repairs to furniture, have all been ordered previous to the present time by the Furniture Department, except the varnishing of the desks in the playroom, for which funds are not available at the present time.

With regard to painting the assembly room, it has been arranged to re-paint throughout, the third story during the

coming vacation. The appropriation for this school is not sufficient to permit painting either of the assembly rooms.

P. S. 82.—The requirement of the Principal is, that the crevices between adjoining sliding doors should be closed more closely than at present. There are no means in use, nor are any known to this Department at present, by which closer contact can be secured.

The building adjoining has been painted by the owner of said adjoining premises and not by this Department. Funds are not available at present for re-painting the wall.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. Robinson,
Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

Ordered, That the report be accepted and the Inspectors notified of its contents.

Public School 11.—From John H. Grotecloss, Principal, requesting that sliding doors be placed on the third floor.

Approved.

Public School 133.—From the Borough Superintendent of Schools, as follows:

New York, *June* 26, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

After a recent visit to P. S. 133, Associate Superintendent O'Brien reported as follows:

"I found that some of the classrooms were becoming crowded, buildings were going up on all sides, and several children of kindergarten age were playing in the streets. The neighborhood is rapidly developing. Even if sites should in the near future be selected along a line midway between this school and Third Avenue, there will, ere long, be in the immediate vicinity of P. S. 133 a school population for which the existing structure will be too small. There is room enough on One hundred and

sixty-seventh street for an annex of moderate dimensions. Perhaps a third story could be put on the present building. Should P. S. 133 be thus enlarged, a fifty-foot strip of land on the south should be purchased for ventilation, light and playgrounds."

I would respectfully offer this matter for the consideration of your Committee, and suggest that a report be asked from the Building Department as to the practicability of making either or both of the changes referred to.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Public School 96.—From Mrs. Eliza S. Pell, Principal, requesting that furniture be put in rooms 53 and 54 on the fifth floor and to have the workshop, which is on the same floor, divided into two classrooms and furniture placed in each.

The Borough Superintendent recommended "that her request be granted, namely, that furniture be placed in rooms 53 and 54 on the fifth floor of the building, and that the unused workshop on the same floor be divided into two classrooms and fitted up with furniture."

Appoved.

Mixed High School Annex.—From Konrad Müller, Janitor, asking for one week's leave of absence beginning the second week in July, and naming Adolph Maisch, Janitor of P. S. 63, as the one whom he will leave temporarily in charge during his absence.

Granted one week with pay.

Public School 5.—From C. K. Birdsall, Janitor, asking for ten days' leave of absence beginning with July 7th.

Granted one week with pay.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 583–587 Broadway, at one o'clock P. M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. ADAMS, LIVINGSTON and O'BRIEN—4.

The Minutes of the meeting held June 26, 1899, as printed, were approved.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved to reconsider the action of the Committee taken June 26 (Minutes, p. 266), in agreeing to recommend the transfer of Charles W. Brundage, Janitor of Public School 150 to Public School 40.

Adopted.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the Superintendent of School Buildings be requested to report to the Chairman of this Committee, the ability of George W. Van Demark, to take charge of Public School 40, in case of his transfer to said school.

Adopted.

Public School 151.—Consideration of charges preferred against Thomas F. Hughes, Janitor, by Mrs. Agnes O'Brien, Principal, Cornelius F. McCahill and David Barnicle.

Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Barnicle and Mr. Hughes were present.

Mrs. O'Brien and Mr. Hughes were sworn and testimony taken.

The Committee went into Executive Session.

After the Executive Session, it was decided that Mr. Hughes be furnished with a certified copy of all the affidavits bearing on the case, and that the further hearing be postponed until Monday, July 10, 1899, at one o'clock P. M.

Public School 2.—From the Inspectors of the Second School District, requesting that additional accommodations be provided for said school. (Mr. Robinson's report is printed on pp. 264 and 265 of the Minutes.)

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the report be referred back to Mr Robinson.

Adopted.

Analysis of the quarterly report of the Inspectors of the Thirty-fifth School District.

Laid over, to be considered upon the receipt of the report of Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan.

Public School 24.—From Inspector Frank E. Karelson with reference to changing the location of the seats in two classrooms so that the children will not sit with their backs to the light.

The Borough Superintendent submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *June* 29, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

The two rooms mentioned in the communication of Inspector Karelsen are located in a leased building at the corner of Madison avenue and One hundred and twenty-fifth street.

The principal of the school has been transferred to another building, and it might be well to wait until the principal elect has a chance to express her views upon the subject.

In case the committee desires to act immediately, I would state that there is no objection to turning the seats and desks as indicated in Mr. Karelsen's communication, further than that which has been expressed by him, namely, that the pupils of these two rooms would sit sideways to the platform at the time of the opening exercises.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the recommendation of the Borough Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 133.—From the Borough Superintendent of Schools with reference to erecting an addition to this school (see report in Minutes, pp. 269 and 270).

The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *June* 29, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with your request I have examined into the proposition of Borough Superintendent Jasper, to build an addition or add a third story to Public School 133, Fox, Simpson and One hundred and sixty-seventh streets, Borough of The Bronx, which was referred to me by your Committee on the 26th inst.

I beg to report as follows:

It is impracticable to build a story on the present building without discontinuing school sessions for a period of at least two months, and perhaps longer. I would therefore recommend that the idea of placing an additional story on the present building be abandoned.

The plot of ground upon which the present building is built is sufficiently large to permit of the erection of a school building,

containing from 18 to 24 classrooms, together with manual and physical training rooms, on the easterly side, the plot having a frontage of about 184 feet on Simpson street and a depth at right angles thereto of about 65 feet, work upon which could be carried on while the school was in session.

Objection to this plan may be raised from the necessity of excavating a cellar for the proposed building in solid rock, but I beg to say that were this private property and the owner desired to erect a building thereon, the noise of the steam drills, blasting, etc., would be just as great, and the Board of Education would have no power to prevent the same.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. J. SNYDER,

Superintendent of School Buildings.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the report of the Superintendent of School Buildings be accepted, printed in full in the Minutes and placed on file.

Adopted.

From Reubens and Van Wyck, offering a site on the southeast corner of One hundred and thirty-sixth street and Fifth avenue.

Placed on file.

Public School 70.—From the Inspectors of the Twenty-second School District, urging that the old buildings on Nos. 206 to 214 East Seventy-sixth street be torn down and the ground improved for a temporary playground.

Ordered, That said communication be placed on file, and the Inspectors be notified that the Board of Education has no funds at its disposal, at the present time, to make the improvements recommended.

Public School 86.—Mr. John T. Tully, Janitor, was excused for one day's absence, June 19th, with pay.

Public School 46.—From Miss M. I. Norcott, Principal, requesting that the new annex be fitted up for a Kindergarten.

The Borough Superintendent of Schools recommends that the matter of the formation of the Kindergarten class be referred to the Committee on Studies before steps are taken to provide the room requested.

The recommendation of the Borough Superintendent was approved.

Public School 96.—From James H. Brown, Janitor, asking for a leave of absence for ten days or longer, commencing with July 1st.

The following reports were received from Mr. Snyder and Mr. Robinson:

NEW YORK, *June* 29, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: In regard to the application from James H. Brown, Janitor of Public School 96, for leave of absence for a period somewhat earlier and later than provided for in paragraph 5, subdivision 5th, Section 47 of the By-Laws of the School Board for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, I beg to call the attention of your Committee to the fact that this is but one of several cases in which the Janitor is justly entitled to more than one week's vacation allowed under the By-Laws. It has been my purpose for some time to suggest an amendment thereto, giving your Committee greater discretionary power in extending leave of absence of a janitor to such time as may seem proper, as the only way to avoid loss of pay to the janitor for the period of time extending beyond that fixed by the paragraph referred to, is under the provisions of paragraph 4 of the same section, where the pay of a janitor absent from duty shall be forfeited for the time lost unless excused by the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

While this may serve the purpose under the present circum-

stances, yet as above stated, I believe it would be well for the By-Laws to be amended, leaving it to the discretionary power of your Committee as to the number of days of the vacation to be allowed.

Permitting a further statement in this case in behalf of the janitors, it would seem a hardship to not allow a janitor more than seven days' vacation and compel him to remain close in his building during the remainder of the summer, in cases where no repairs are to be made or the building is not to be used for vacation school or playground purposes.

Respectfully,
C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

June 29, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: Herewith I present a letter from Mr. James H. Brown, Janitor of Public School 96, requesting a vacation beginning on the 1st of July, two days before the time allowed by the By-Laws, and requesting that the time be extended later than that allowed by the said By-Laws.

The object of the limitations in the By-Laws was to secure the presence of the Janitors at the School Buildings during the progress of the vacation repairs. Inasmuch as the repairs at this school are not of a character to require the presence of the Janitor during the early part of the vacation, and the Vacation School does not begin until July 17, I respectfully recommend that he be allowed a vacation from the 1st of July to the 14th.

Respectfully,
J. B. ROBINSON,
Dep'ty Sup't of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that Mr. Brown be granted a leave of absence, with pay, from July 1st to 7th, both inclusive, and that he

be notified that if he is absent from July 8th to 14th, both inclusive, such absence will be excused with pay.

Adopted.

Public School 55.—From George E. Woolfe, Janitor, for a leave of absence from July 9th to July 19th, ten days.

Deputy Superintendent Robinson submitted the following report:

June 29, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: Herewith I present to you a letter from Mr. George E. Woolfe, Janitor of Public School 55, asking that he may take his vacation at a different time from that stated in the By-Laws; his reasons are cogent, and I present the case for your consideration. I also ask instructions from the Committee as to the course I shall pursue in the case of similar requests where sufficient reasons seem to be given by Janitors for asking for a different time from that laid down in the By-Laws for their vacation.

Respectfully,
J. B. ROBINSON,
Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that Mr. Wolfe be granted a leave of absence for seven days from July 9th, with pay, and that he be notified that if he is absent three days after the time above limited said absence will be excused with pay.

Adopted.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the Superintendent of School Buildings be requested to prepare a report to be submitted to the School Board, amending paragraph 5, sub-division 5 of Section 47 of the by-laws, with reference to granting janitors a vacation,

as referred to in his report on the application of James H. Brown, Janitor of P. S. 96, for a vacation.

Adopted.

Associate Borough Superintendent Stewart appeared before the Committee and recommended that janitors of schools located nearest to the places selected for playgrounds, other than the public school buildings, be instructed to care for the respective playgrounds at an increased compensation.

Mr. O'Brien moved that Dr. Stewart be requested to furnish the Superintendent of School Buildings with a list of the playgrounds referred to in his statement, and upon receipt of a report from said Superintendent the matter be referred to the Chairman with power.

Adopted.

The following communication was received from the Committee on Special Schools with reference to fixing the amount of extra compensation to be paid to the janitors of vacation schools and playgrounds:

New York, *June* 29, 1899.

Hon. Morris E. Sterne,

Chairman, Committee on Sites and Buildings.

Dear Sir: I am instructed by the Chairman of the Committee on Special Schools to request your Committee to fix the salaries of the janitors of the public schools for services to be rendered in connection with the Vacation Schools and playgrounds during the summer vacation.

The following buildings will be used:

Vacation Schools and Playgrounds.—Public Schools 1, 2, 7, 20, 34, 42, 75, 92, 147 and 160.

Playgrounds.—Public Schools 16, 17, 27, 37, 41, 57, 80, 82, 86, 96, 105, 106, 107, 120, 121, 131, 135, 137, 141, 151 and 158.

Information as to the buildings which will be open for half-

day service, and those which will be open for full-day service will be supplied by Associate Superintendent Seth T. Stewart.

Respectfully,
ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

Mr O'BRIEN moved that the salaries to be paid be computed at the same rates as were paid in 1898 and that the matter be referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings to fix the rate in each case.

Adopted.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the janitors of vacation schools and playgrounds be notified that they are expected to keep the school property and schools in as good condition as they are at the present time.

Adopted.

From the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, requesting that an estimate of the amount which will be required for janitors' salaries during 1900, be transmitted to said Committee on or before July 10th, for insertion in the Budget.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Mr. O'BRIEN that the Superintendent in submitting the names of janitors competent for transfer, he include a statement of the length of service of each, the manner in which they have performed their duty, salary they are now receiving and whether any charges have ever been preferred against them.

Adopted.

EXTRACTS FROM ASSOCIATE BOROUGH SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS.

P. D. 36. MARBLE. An alteration in the building, to be made in the coming vacation, will furnish slight relief; but a new house should be built in this neighborhood, if the large

tenement houses continue to be built, with the consequent increase of school population.

P. S. 47 (Old 40). O'BRIEN. The building needs to be overhauled; closets on the adjoining property, north, yield offensive odors. Plans to remedy this are probably now under way.

P. S. 133. O'BRIEN. The building will soon fail to accommodate all the applicants for admission.

G. H. S. O'BRIEN. Physically the annex has been to some extent injured by the recent erection on the north of a lofty apartment house. The vacant lot between this apartment dwelling and the school should be bought for light, air and playgrounds.

Annex P. S. 100. SHIMER. This annex is not in good condition. It is hard to ventilate, and during hot weather the temperature in some of the rooms is almost unbearable. The waterclosets are in bad condition. The building should be abandoned as soon as possible.

P. S. 54. SHIMER. The new portion added several years ago to P. S. 54 should be overhauled thoroughly. The heating and ventilating apparatus is seriously defective, and the flooring on the second story should be doubled to make it warmer.

P. S. 59. SHIMER. P. S. 59 suffers from a lack of exits. In the case of fire this lack might prove to be serious.

P. S. 29. SHIMER. The kindergarten room in the front part of the yard of P. S. 29 should bo removed to the southeast corner and be fitted up with furniture for first year pupils, because every fall there arises the necessity for half-day classes in the 1A grade.

P. S. 108. SHIMER. P. S. 108 suffers for want of room, light and ventilation. The property in the rear should be purchased and the building be extended to Elizabeth street.

Referred to the Deputy Superintendents of School Buildings for the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, Messrs. Robinson and Morgan.

Deputy Superintendent Robinson submitted the following:

NEW YORK, *June* 29, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: In reply to the reports of the Associated Superintendents I have the honor to make response as follows:

PUBLIC SCHOOL 27.—Extensive repairs have been provided for during the coming vacation, but the funds were not sufficient to include the exterior opening of the woodwork fronting on the yards.

The only room available for a janitor's office near the front entrance is now used as a room for manual training; it would hardly seem to be desirable to change its present use and divert it into that suggested.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 47.—With regard to the bad smell complained of, it arises from a stable owned by Sonn Brothers, situated at No. 228 East Twenty-fourth street; repeated requests have been made to the owners to remove this nuisance and it will now be placed before the Board of Health.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 57.—The annex which is here condemned as unfit for school purposes is a three story brick building fronting on One hundred and fourteenth street. The ceilings are low and the rooms not very well lighted; it seems probable that in view of the approaching completion of the school at One hundred and nineteenth street the need for this annex will not be so great hereafter as formerly.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 160.—The doors which are here complained of will be hung to swing the other way forthwith.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ROBINSON,

Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings,

Borough of Manhattan.

Ordered, That the Borough Superintendent be furnished with a copy of the above report.

Deputy Superintendent Robinson submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *June* 29, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: To the reports of the Board of Inspectors I have the honor to reply as follows:

TWENTY-SIXTH SCHOOL DISTRICT.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 30.—The covered passage-way that is here asked for will be built as soon as possible. The additional closets are included in the work to be done during the vacation. A contract has already been made for automatic checks for several doors, including those here mentioned. The repairs to the plastering have also been included in the work to be done during the coming vacation.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 37.—The need for additional radiating surface exists only in the westerly rooms on the second story. This has been referred to the Heating Department, and will be remedied as soon as possible. A contract has been made to provide a lighter scuttle in place of the present heavy one.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 151.—With regard to oiling the floors of schools, repeated accidents have been reported, several pupils and teachers having slipped and in some cases sprained their ankles. Under the circumstances, we hesitate to order the oiling of floors to be done.

TWENTY-SECOND SCHOOL DISTRICT.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 158.—The Board of Public Improvements has already been requested to have this street paved. The order has been given for an iron fence to be placed around the building.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. ROBINSON,
Dep'ty Sup't of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

Ordered, That the Inspectors be notified of the contents of the above report.

ARTHUR MCMULLIN,
Secretary.

MONDAY, JULY 10, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 583-587 Broadway, at one o'clock P. M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. LIVINGSTON, O'BRIEN and ROGERS—4.

The Minutes of the meeting held June 29, 1899, as printed, were approved.

Public School 151.—Consideration of charges preferred against Thomas F. Hughes, Janitor, by the Principal, Mrs. Agnes O'Brien, Cornelius F. McCahill and David Barnicle. (Minutes, pp. 271, 272.)

Mr. Hughes, Mr. Barnicle, Patrol Inspector Lee and Gilbert Morrison were present and testimony taken.

The Committee went into Executive Session.

After the Executive Session Mr. O'BRIEN moved that in the absence of two of the witnesses, this investigation be continued as soon as the Chairman desires to call the Committee again for this purpose, and as soon as the absent witnesses are found to be in town, and that Mr. Hughes have the privilege of having some one to defend him.

Adopted.

The Superintendent of School Buildings, in compliance with the request of the Committee made June 29th (Minutes, pp. 277, 278), submitted the following as an amendment to Section 47, paragraph 5, of the by-laws found on page 54: Strike out the first seven lines of said paragraph and substitute the following:

"A Janitor who has been one year or longer in the service of the Board, calculated from July 1st of any one year, may be granted, at the discretion of the Committee on Sites and Buildings, a vacation, with pay, of not exceeding ten days in duration, dating from 12 M. of any day from July 1st to August 15th, provided that the Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings shall certify that the presence of the Janitor is not required at the school building during the time of the proposed vacation."

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the proposed amendment be recommended to the Board for adoption.

Adopted.

Transfer of Janitors.—Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the Superintendent of School Buildings be requested to supply this Committee with the list of names of Janitors who desire to be transferred from the schools in which they are now employed, the number of years in the service of the Board of Education, a thorough record of such service while in the employ of the Board, and any information that will give any light to the Committee in guiding it in transfers or promotions of said Janitors; also, the schools to which they respectfully desire to be transferred.

Adopted.

Public School 79.—From the Associate Alumni, requesting permission to use one of the rooms in said school, or in any other school, for the purpose of holding meetings for an indefinite period.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the request be denied, it being the sense of this Committee that the public school premises should not be used for purposes other than those directly connected with the public school system.

Adopted.

Public School 67.—From Philip J. Windecker, Janitor, giving notice that the property Nos. 126 and 128 West Forty-sixth street has been sold, on which a factory or a ten or twelve story flat-house is to be erected, which will take away the light on the west side of the school.

Ordered, That said communication be placed on file.

Public School 1.—From Wm. L. Ettinger, Principal, requesting that this Board apply to the Health Department to abate the nuisance at No. 34 Catharine street, immediately adjoining the school.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings, with the request that he communicate with the Department of Health.

Public School 1.—From the Mayor, transmitting a communication from E. M. Waring, with reference to the establishing of a saloon in the immediate vicinity of the school.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that copies of the letters be sent the Commissioner of Excise, with a request that he protect the interests of the school, provided application is made for a saloon license.

Adopted.

Public School 51.—From Martin H. Ray, Principal, protesting against the erection of an addition to said school on the ground in the rear, and expressing his desire that the same be retained as a playground; also, suggesting the propriety of pur-

chasing the house and lot immediately on the west side of the school, on Forty-fourth street.

Ordered, That said communication be placed on file.

Truant School.—From the Borough Superintendent of Schools, recommending that two classrooms in the Truant School be made into three for the purpose of providing a manual training room; also, that the platform in the front of the room be removed.

Approved.

Old Public School 1.—From the Superintendent of School Buildings, recommending that old Public School 1, in Vandewater street, be numbered Public School 180.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the recommendation be submitted to the Board for approval.

Adopted.

The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted a communication from the North Side Board of Trade, urging the necessity of additional school facilities on the "Fox Estate," in connection with the present school (P. S 133); also, the urgent need of an additional school building adjoining the Ogden Avenue School, as contemplated; also, urging the completion of the contemplated High School building at Boston and Jackson avenues and One hundred and sixty-fifth street; also, urging that a more thorough and extensive system of gymnastic exercises be attached to the schools; also, a communication from the Property Owners' Association asking for an additional building for Public School 133.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that both communications be placed on file, and an acknowledgment made of the receipt of the same.

Adopted.

From residents, tax-payers and property owners of the Twenty-fourth Ward, urging the erection of a school house on the Boston Post Road at a place somewhere between the intersection of the road or avenue known as Corsa Lane or Eastchester Road, and the intersection of the easterly end of Sheiffelins Lane with the Boston Road.

The Superintendent of School Buildings reported as follows:

NEW YORK, *July* 10, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with your request I have made an examination of the property cited in the petition of citizens that a school house be erected on the Boston Post Road, Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of New York, at a place somewhere between the intersection of the road or avenue known as Corsa Lane or Eastchester Road and the intersection of the easterly end of Sheiffelins Lane with the Boston Road, as shown on the map annex to the petition, and would respectfully report that at the intersection of Corsa Lane or Eastchester Road with the Boston Post Road there are eight or ten dwelling houses with open country on each side, and that very few houses are met with until old Eastchester is reached, between the end of Sheiffelins Lane or Rattlesnake Brook and Eastchester Landing Road. As near as I can learn by inquiry, about one third of the signers of the petition live at the Eastchester end of the Road.

I find further that a stage is used conveying some twenty-five children from Eastchester to Public School 101, Wakefield, and that the balance of the children have to walk three-quarters of a mile or more to Public School, Fifth avenue and Kingsbridge Road, while the children at the westerly end of the line have to walk upwards of a mile to Public School 138, Eleventh street and White Plains avenue, against which serious complaint has been found, owing to its being over-crowded, which it is proposed to remedy during the present vacation by the erection of a second story. There are quite a number of independent houses lying

in the neighborhood occupied by farmers, market gardiners and others, and it occurs to me that this is a matter for the consideration of the Borough Superintendent as to the manner in which these children can be cared for.

In this report I have departed from the established usage, in that I have mentioned other than the physical aspects of the case, which was, as I understand, the desire of the Committee, there being no specific location for a school house cited.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the communication and report be referred to the Borough Superintendent of Schools for report.

Adopted.

Public School 86.--John T. Tully, janitor, was granted one week's vacation, with pay, beginning on July 29th.

Nos. 182 and 184 Cherry St.—From Mr. S. Proskey, owner, refusing to make a new lease of the premises for one year from December 15, 1899, with the privilege of a renewal for one year, the lease which will expire on that date giving a privilege of renewal for two years, and he proposing to stand by the terms of the expiring lease.

The consideration of the matter was laid over.

THOS. E. BUSSEY,
Acting Secretary.

MONDAY, JULY 24, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, City of New York, met at the Annex to the Hall of the Board of Education, Nos. 583–587 Broadway, at four o'clock P. M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. LIVINGSTON, O'BRIEN and ROGERS—4.

The Minutes of the meeting held July 10, 1899, as printed, were approved.

Public School 89.—Complaint of James P. Heath against David H. Pierce, Janitor.

Ordered, That Messrs. Heath and Pierce be summoned to attend the next meeting of this Committee.

Public School 149.—From Mr. S. Proskey, in which he declines to renew the lease of the premises Nos. 182 and 184 Cherry street, for one year from December 15, 1899, with privilege of renewal for an additional year, claiming that the lease which expires on December 15, 1899, provides for a renewal for two years.

Mr. A. S. Proskey was present and heard.

The further consideration of the matter was laid over.

Public School 151.—Complaints of Mrs. O'Brien, Principal, and Cornelius F. McCahill and David Barnacle against Thomas F. Hughes, Janitor. (Minutes, pp. 283, 284.)

The investigation of the complaints was again laid over in consequence of the absence of Mrs. O'Brien and Cornelius F. McCahill.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the action of the Chairman in authorizing the Superintendent of School Buildings to employ, temporarily, watchmen at a rate of wages of $50 per month, said appointments to be made from an eligible list to be supplied by the Civil Service Commission, be approved.

Adopted.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the action of the Chairman in authorizing the Deputy Superintendents of School Buildings to grant vacations to Janitors, in accordance with the amendment to Section 47, paragraph 5, page 54, of the By-Laws, adopted by the School Board July 19 (see amendment on page 284 of Minutes of this Committee), said Deputy Superintendents to report their action in the matter to the Committee, be approved.

Adopted.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the action of the Chairman in appointing the following-named temporary watchmen at a rate of wages of $50 per month, said names having been selected from an eligible list supplied by the Civil Service Commission, be approved :

Tim. Sullivan, P. S. 167, on duty July 14.
Nath. Snapper, P. S. 167, on duty July 13.
Wm. J. Reilly, P. S. 166, on duty July 22.

Approved.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the action of Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan in granting the following-named Janitors a vacation for one week, be approved :

P. S. 61, Patrick Barry.
P. S. 62, J. P. Johnston.

Adopted.

Consideration of resolution of Mr. Van Hoesen, adopted by the School Board at a meeting held July 19, 1899, transferring the East Side Evening High School from Public School 75 to new Public School 20, and empowering this Committee to provide the necessary closets for supplies to be used in the instruction of the classes in physics, chemistry and drawing, and other necessary fittings.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education, with a recommendation that said Committee comply with the terms of the resolution.

Adopted.

Acting Deputy Superintendent MORGAN submitted the following:

NEW YORK, *July* 17, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: Referring to the analyses of the quarterly reports of the Board of Inspectors for the Thirty-fifth District, dated June 21, 1899, I beg to report as follows:

I would suggest that instead of employing a professional gardener continuously for service at all schools that, when such services are required they be performed on an order issued by the Principal, and approved by the Superintendent of School Buildings. Some of the janitors have had experience as practical gardeners; lawn mowers are supplied to all janitors having grass plots around their buildings, and these grounds present generally a neat appearance if not a highly artistic one.

Emergency orders are placed in the hands of all janitors so that urgent small repairs may be made at once without the necessity of waiting for the visit of an Inspector.

P. S. 97.—The doors referred to if necessary on the first story, will also be required on the upper stories. Consultation with the Principal was had only a short time ago regarding this

matter; doors should swing outwards, and in this case they would block the free use of the stairways.

Room for the women teachers is to be enlarged, and a room should also be provided for the men teachers

P. S. 98, New Addition.—Contractor is being urged to hasten this work.

P. S. 99.—The grades about this school are not yet established and no curbs are set for sidewalks; I would recommend that no permanent improvements be made to the grounds at this time. The matter of trees will receive attention.

Pole racks are provided for in specification for vacation repairs. Gate in dividing fence between yards was provided last May.

P. S. 100, Annex.—Supply closets for two second story classrooms are needed and will be provided. The cellar is not suitable for a playroom for the reasons that the ceiling is too low, light is insufficient and means of access are lacking.

P. S. 101.—More than $4,500 is being expended for repairs to this building and improving the premises.

P. S. 118.—All the matters mentioned are being attended to in vacation work.

P. S. 138.—The matters mentioned are embraced in vacation repairs, including additional story containing five classrooms.

P. S. 139.—This school, with an average attendance of about 80 pupils, is provided with four exits from basement, also two side exits on first story and a front door about 3½ feet wide, which would seem to be more than ample for the number of pupils.

THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

P. S. 85.—Sink asked for in culinary room is being put in; the other requests for repairs to furniture in this room will receive attention.

P. S. 156.—The matter of fence wall has been attended to.

P. S. 154.—Venetian blinds have been supplied for kindergarten room.

The suggestion that doors be cut connecting several classrooms to allow pupils a more rapid exit on the One hundred and forty-seventh street end I do not consider necessary; this is a new school building, the exits are ample and no complaints have ever been received from the Principal that additional exits were required. I should not recommend this to be done.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. MORGAN,

Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Borough of The Bronx.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the Inspectors be notified of the contents of said report.

Adopted.

Public School 114.—Complaint of John Intercia against Michael J. Molloy, Janitor.

Ordered, That Messrs. Intercia and Molloy be summoned to attend the next meeting of this Committee.

Public School 2.—The absence of John Mullin, Janitor, on July 24, 1899, was excused with pay.

A communication was received from the Janitors' Association, requesting that the Janitors be granted a leave of absence August 15, 1899, that date being the occasion of their annual excursion.

Granted, with pay.

Transfer of Janitors.—The Superintendent of School Buildings, in compliance with the motion found on page 284 of the Minutes, submitted a list of the names of Janitors who desire to be transferred, number of years in the service, a thorough record of such service; also, the schools to which they respectively desired to be transferred.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the Superintendent of School Buildings be requested to present to the Committee a list of all Janitors and class of license which they now hold; also, the names of Janitors at present in employment who hold the necessary license to take charge of our new modern school buildings, and to notify all Janitors holding third grade licences, that if they desire promotion the Committee deems it a necessity to have any Janitor applying for promotion or transfer to the new school buildings, to present with their application for such transfer, the grade of license necessary for the proper performance of their duties in the new school buildings.

Adopted.

The Chairman presented the following communications:

NEW YORK, *July* 24, 1899.

Hon. MORRIS E. STERNE,
Chairman, Committee on Sites and Buildings.

DEAR SIR: By direction of President Little, I enclose herewith a communication from the Superintendent of School Buildings, in relation to the amount of money necessary to be inserted in the Budget for 1900 for the purchase of school sites, the erection of school buildings and the furnishing and equipment of the same.

The President requests that the Committee on Sites and Buildings supply such information as to the amount of money needed for the above mentioned purposes, as can be prepared from the data at hand at this time.

Respectfully,
THOMAS E. BUSSEY,
Acting Secretary.

NEW YORK, *July* 18, 1899.

Hon. JOSEPH J. LITTLE,
President, School Board for the
Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

DEAR SIR: I have respectfully requested the Presidents of the School Boards for the Boroughs of Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond to furnish the Deputy Superintendents of School Buildings for their respective boroughs for transmission to this office, a detailed estimate of the amount required for the year 1900 for

The purchase of school sites.

The erection of school buildings and additions.

The purchase of buildings.

The furnishing and equipment of the foregoing.

The purchase of sites, buildings, furnishing and equipment of High Schools.

May I ask you to be kind enough to let me have this information for the Boroughs of the School Board for which you are President, or advise me of the manner in which to proceed to obtain it.

Respectfully,
C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the matter of preparing the Budget for 1900 be referred to Mr. LIVINGSTON and Superintendents Jasper and Snyder with power to report to the Committee on Finance of the Borough Board.

Adopted.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the Secretary of the Board of Education be requested to report to this Committee such information as he can obtain from the Corporation Counsel, as to the condition of the proceedings in the matter of acquiring title to school sites.

Adopted.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of School Buildings in which he states that it will be necessary for him to withdraw Mr. Cameron's services from the Committee, in view of the fact that the Civil Service Law requires him to certify that all employees are engaged in the performance of the specific duties for which they are employed.

The consideration of said communication was laid over.

Public School 34.—The Superintendent of School Buildings reported that in consequence of additional yard space to care for, the Janitor was entitled to an increase in his salary from $2,652 to $2,756 per annum, taking effect on June 15, 1899.

Approved.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the action of this Committee taken June 26 (Minutes, p. 265) in appointing Richard E. Sprague a temporary watchman at Public School 156 be rescinded, Mr. Sprague having failed to report.

Adopted.

THOMAS E. BUSSEY,
Acting Secretary.

MONDAY, JULY 31, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, met at No. 146 Grand street, at one o'clock P. M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. LIVINGSTON, O'BRIEN and ROGERS—4.

The Minutes of the meeting held July 24, as printed, were approved.

Public School 89.—Consideration of a complaint made by James P. Heath, against David H. Pierce, janitor, for non-payment of a bill. Mr. Pierce and a son of Mr. Heath were present and heard, Mr. Pierce denying that he was indebted for the amount of the claim.

The further consideration of the matter was laid over, and Mr. Pierce was instructed to submit a receipted bill for work done by a Mr. Conrad Sebastian, in connection with the work done by Mr. Heath.

Public School 114.—Consideration of a complaint from John Intercia, against Michael J. Molloy, Janitor, to the effect that Mr. Molloy was paying him rental of $12 per month for living apartments, and objected to the janitor of the apartments receipting a bill for Molloy for $12 per month.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Molloy's rent allowance as fixed by this Committee is $299 per annum.

A postal card was received from Mr. Intercia, denying that he had written the complaint referred to.

Mr. Molloy was present and acknowledged that he had been paying a rental since his appointment of $12 per month, which dated from November 5, 1898.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the Secretary of the School Board be notified of the circumstances, and to withhold from Mr. Molloy's salary the difference between the $12 per month, which he has been paying, and the amount allowed by this Committee.

Adopted.

Public School 149, NOS. 182 AND 184 CHERRY STREET.—Consideration of the refusal of Mr. S. Prosky, to renew the lease of the premises for one year from December 15, 1899, with the privilege of a renewal for one year, the expiring lease providing for a renewal for two years, upon six months' notice. (See Minutes, p. 289.)

Laid over to await a further communication from Mr. Prosky.

From the Superintendent of School Buildings in which he states that it will be necessary for him to withdraw Mr. Cameron's services from the Committee, in view of the fact that the Civil Service rules require him to certify that all employees are engaged in the performance of the specific duties for which they are employed.

Ordered, That said communications be placed on file.

Outdoor Recreation League.—In view of the fact that the East Side Evening High School having been transferred to new Public School 20, the Clerk was instructed to notify said league that the use of playgrounds of said school on Wednesday nights will have to be dispensed with from September 11th.

Public School 2.—Inspectors of the Second District recommending that premises be secured in the neighborhood for the accommodation of this school.

In connection with the report of Deputy Superintendent Robinson with reference to the premises No. 137 Henry street, now occupied by St. Theresa's Academy, as recorded on pp. 264 and 265 of the recommitted on page 272, Mr. Robinson presented the following:

July 25, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: I have examined the building 137 Henry street, and find that it is only a little more than 25 feet in width.

It contains on each story sufficient space to make a good sized classroom in front and one in the rear, making six classrooms in all.

The building is in excellent condition and would not need much repair to fit it for school purposes, except that there is an entire lack of sanitary accommodations, which would have to be supplied at a probable cost of about $1,500. Other necessary changes would cost, possibly, $1,000 additional.

Herewith is attached a proposition from the owner to rent the first, second and third stories for $3,500 per year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ROBINSON,
Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the communications be referred to the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, for his report.

Adopted.

Consideration of the subject of transferring Janitors.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the Clerk furnish this Committee with a statement showing the number of years all school janitors have been in the employ of this Board, and the grade of license that each is now holding.

Adopted.

Inspector of the Eighth District.—Deputy Superintendent Robinson presented the following report on the analysis of the quarterly report of the Inspectors of the Eighth District.

July 27, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: With reference to the report of the Inspectors of the Eighth School District, I have the honor to reply as follows:

PUBLIC SCHOOL 22.—The complaint with regard to the appearance of the walls and ceilings of the Visitors' Entrance is now in process of removal by the erection of new iron stairs and the thorough renovation of the entire entrance. The new furniture asked for has also been ordered.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 105.—The request to form some means of communication between the Hebrew Free School Building in Fifth street, and the above mentioned Public School, is impossible to comply with, except by the erection of an iron bridge from the second story classrooms, which I should not regard as advisable; it would, moreover, be a very costly experiment.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 15.—Orders have been given for the strengthening of the baluster, with regard to which complaint is made. The stone steps which are complained of will be changed as soon as funds for the purpose are available. The iron gates will be shortly replaced in the railing as requested.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 36.—The statement that the adjoining property on the west will probably soon be built up with high buildings appears to be well founded; it would be a serious detriment to the school if this should occur; such a building has already been built on the east side, thereby reducing the court on that side to the well about 20 feet square and seriously diminishing the light and air. Should high and deep buildings be built on the west side, the court on that side would in like manner be reduced to

a mere well, and the school would be much darker. Nevertheless, at present there are no funds available for the purchase of sites.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ROBINSON,
Dep'ty Sup't of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that a copy of the report be forwarded to the Inspectors.

Adopted.

Girls' High School—Annex—No. 244 AND 246 EAST FIFTY-SECOND STREET.

Deputy Superintendent Robinson presented the following:

Hon. MORRIS E. STERNE,
Chairman, Committee on Sites and Buildings.

SIR: The janitor hitherto in charge of the Lincoln Academy, Nos. 244 and 246 East Fifty-second street, leased by the Board of Education as an Annex to the Girls' High School, has left his post and on July 27th handed me the key of the building.

Inasmuch as alterations are to be made to the building, a watchman or janitor should be placed in charge.

Respectfully,

J. B. ROBINSON,
Deputy Superintendent, School Buildings,
for the Borough of Manhattan.

31 July, 1899.

Ordered, That the Superintendent be authorized to employ a watchman for said premises, temporarily, at a rate of wages of fifty dollars ($50) per month.

Public School 29.—From Joseph J. Eagan, complaining that the janitor permits his son to run an opposition business to Mr. Eagan, in the vicinity of the school.

Ordered, That said communication be placed on file.

THOMAS E. BUSSEY,
Acting Secretary.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, met at No. 146 Grand street at 4:30 o'clock P. M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. ADAMS, LIVINGSTON and ROGERS—4.

The minutes of the meeting held July 31, were amended on page 297, by striking out from the fifth line from the bottom of the page the figures "$12" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "$24."

The matter of approving the Minutes of the meeting held July 31st, was then laid over.

Public School 149.—Nos. 182 AND 184 CHERRY STREET. From Mr. S. Proskey, refusing to renew the lease of the premises for one year with a privilege of a renewal for an additional year, the present lease expiring Dec. 15, 1899, and calling attention to the fact that the present lease calls for a renewal for two years.

Ordered, That the former action of this committee be rescinded, and that it be recommended to the School Board that the lease be renewed for two years.

Public School 2.—Offer to rent first, second and third floors of building No. 137 Henry street, for three years, at an annual rental of $3,500, including light, heat and janitor's service (see Minutes, pp. 264, 265, 272 and 279).

The Borough Superintendent reported as follows:

NEW YORK, *September* 21, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

In relation to the enclosed communications relative to securing additional school accommodations for P. S. 2 by leasing the premises 137 Henry street, I would report as follows:

That the Primary Department of P. S. 2 is very much crowded, especially as it has been deemed necessary to give two of the classrooms to the Female Department, is shown by the fact that 155 children have been refused admission, and 419 children are being taught in half-day classes.

Should the premises in question be acquired, it will be possible to admit all who have been refused, and in addition to this, the 10 half-day classes of the present time may be reduced to 2, or to 4, at the most.

I strongly recommend that these premises be hired, especially in view of the fact that the Deputy Superintendent of Buildings, Mr. Robinson, reports that the building is in excellent condition and will not need much repair to fit it up for school purposes.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

Referred to Mr. Adams for report.

Public School 20.— From Martin Loewing, requesting permission to continue the use of the rooms and playgrounds by the Public Education Association.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the Association be authorized to continue the use of the four rooms and playgrounds of P. S. 20 on Saturday evenings only, as at present, until further notice from this Committee.

Adopted.

Public School 89.—Consideration of the complaint of James Heath, against David H. Pierce, janitor, for non-payment of bill. (Minutes, pp. 289 and 297.)

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce were present and made a statement.

Mr. ADAMS moved that the item be stricken from the calendar.

Adopted.

Nos. 244 and 246 East 52d St., GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.—From Jacob Fleischhauer, submitting a bill of Frank Rabe, for services as watchman, April 7th to July 27, 1899, at a rate of wages of $25 per month. (See Minutes, p. 301.)

The consideration of the matter was laid over.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the action of the Chairman in appointing, temporarily, watchmen on the following described school buildings, at a rate of wages of $50 per month be, and the same is hereby approved:

P. S. 44, James F. Gorman, Aug. 2d.
P. S. 44, Norman L. Christian, Aug. 2d.
P. S. 44, Abraham Van Allen, Aug. 26th
P. S. 166, Wm. J. Reilly, July 22d.

Adopted.

Public School 28.—Complaint of George Borman, against David G. Robinson, Janitor, for non-payment of his wages.

Messrs. Borman and Robinson were present and heard.

Ordered, That the complaint be placed on file.

Public School 60.—Complaint of John Harrison against Alex. McLean, janitor, for non-payment of his wages.

Messrs. Harrison and McLean were present and heard.

It was moved and adopted that the complaint be dismissed.

Public School 149—ANNEX.—Mr. ROGERS moved that the action of the Chairman in placing the janitor of P. S. 149 in charge of the Annex, No. 180 Cherry Street, on July 24, 1899, be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 151.—Consideration of the charges preferred against Thomas F. Hughes, janitor, by Mrs. Agnes O'Brien, Principal, Cornelius F. McCahill and David Barnicle. (Minutes, pp. 271, 272, 283, 289 and 290.)

Mr. McCahill was present and examined.

The further consideration of the matter was laid over.

Nos. 244 and 246 E. 52d St.—ANNEX TO GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.—Mr. ROGERS moved that the action of the Chairman in assigning the janitor of P. S. 18 to take charge, temporarily, of this annex, on September 7th, 1899, in connection with his duties as janitor of P. S. 18, be approved.

Adopted.

The SECRETARY submitted the following communication:

BOARD OF EDUCATION,
146 GRAND STREET,
NEW YORK, *August* 29, 1899.

Mr. THOMAS E. BUSSEY,
Acting Secretary, School Board,
Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

DEAR SIR: Sometime ago the Superintendent of School Buildings advised the Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, that appointments of janitors for new school buildings to be opened on September 11th next, should be made not later than the 23d of August in order to allow time for the new janitors to get the buildings cleaned ready for occupancy.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances and the absence of the Chairman of the Committee, who will not return until too late to take up the matter, it has been found impossible to make permanent appointments prior to the opening of schools, and I therefore take upon myself, in the absence of Mr. Sterne, Chairman, the responsibility of directing you to send out notices as follows:

Janitor of	Public	School	60	to care for	Public	School	167
"	"	"	154	"	"	"	164
"	"	"	39	"	"	"	159
"	"	"	93	"	"	"	166
"	"	"	46	"	"	"	169
"	"	"	50	"	"	"	40
"	"	"	43	"	"	"	157
"	"	"	54	"	"	"	165

In your letter to the Janitors please instruct them to the effect that the Committee on Sites and Buildings in the absence of permanent appointments, is obliged to take some action by which the new schools can be opened and therefore designate the respective janitor to care for the respective school, as above indicated, as acting janitor. Stating further that the said temporary assignments are not in any way to be taken as the purpose of the Committee to make any one of these transfers or assignments permanent.

Janitors to whom these assignments are made will be required, not only to have their own buildings ready for school opening but also to have the new ones in a like condition.

Immediate requisition should be made for supplies as in the case of Public Schools 167, 164, 166, 169 and 40, work is substantially completed, and in the case of Public School 159, the janitor should be informed that considerable work yet remains to be done, but this will not prevent his putting a man in charge and proceeding with the cleaning in such a way that most of the building will be ready by the 11th of the coming menth.

In the case of Public Schools 157 and 165 the janitors should be instructed that the buildings are by no means completed, but

that they are to hold themselves in readiness to take possession of such portions of the buildings as they may be directed and have them ready upon September 11th next.

Respectfully,

MILES M. O'BRIEN.

In connection with the foregoing, the Secretary submitted a copy of an order issued to the janitors of the schools above referred to.

Aug. 30, 1899.

DEAR SIR: I am instructed by the Committee on Sites and Buildings to direct you to take charge, temporarily, of New Public School Building No. , located at , and have it, and also your own building, thoroughly cleaned and ready for occupancy on September 11th.

You will understand that this is not a transfer, but that you are to continue as janitor of your present school and at the same time act as janitor of the new building; and you will understand, also, that this action is not to be taken as indicating in any way the future action of this Board when permanent appointments are made.

Make requisition, at once, upon the Superintendent of Supplies for such supplies as you need, and take charge of the building on September 1st, and continue in charge until you receive further instructions.

Please acknowledge receipt of this communication without delay, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

(signed) THOMAS E. BUSSEY,

Acting Secretary.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the action of Mr. O'BRIEN in the absence of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 89—Annex Nos. 58-60 West 135th St.—The Secretary submitted the following communication received from Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan:

BUILDING BUREAU,

NEW YORK, *Sept.* 1, 1899.

Mr. THOMAS E. BUSSEY,

Acting Secretary, School Board, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

DEAR SIR: Inasmuch as the new annex of Public School 89, located at 58 and 60 West 135th Street, is now ready for cleaning preparatory to putting in furniture, shades, etc., I would respectfully make request that a janitor be assigned to have the necessary cleaning done that no delay may ensue to the opening of these classrooms on September 11th.

Respectfully,

C. M. MORGAN,

Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Borough of The Bronx.

In compliance with the above request, the Acting Secretary reported that on September 2, 1899, he had instructed Mr. David H. Pierce, janitor of P. S., 89 to take charge, temporarily, of the new annex, in connection with his duties in the main building.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the action of the Acting Secretary be approved.

Adopted.

No. 624 Fifth Street.—From the Secretary of the Board of Education, transmitting a copy of a report adopted by said Board, August 2d, referring back to the School Board the recommendation to rent the premises No. 624 Fifth St., for the reason that the Educational Alliance proposes to retain a part of the premises for its own use.

Mr. ADAMS moved that this Committee respectfully request the School Board to withdraw from the Board of Education the recommendation made by this Board to rent the premises in question, as it is deemed inconsistent to have two tenants in the same building; also, in view of the excessive rent asked for the premises ($2,500).

Adopted.

Public School 1.—From Deputy Superintendent Robinson, reporting that he had granted Mr. E. H. Terwilliger, janitor, permission to be absent during the opening hours of the Reading Room, on the evenings of Sept. 15 and 16, 1899.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the action of Deputy Superintendent Robinson be approved.

Adopted.

Public School 2.—The CHAIRMAN reported that he had granted John Mullin, janitor, leave of absence on September 14th, with pay.

The action of the CHAIRMAN was approved.

Public School 38.—Consideration of the report made to the School Board, confirming the action of the Committee in suspending from duty without pay, Mr. Charles W. Miller, janitor, and recomending that he be fined five days' pay, which report was recommitted to the Committee, June 7, 1899 (see Jol., pp. 581, 582 and 619).

Mr. ADAMS moved that, inasmuch as Mr. Miller has been carefully watched, and has been very attentive to his duties since his restoration to office on May 17th, the Committee adhere to the recommendations made in the report found on Jol., pp. 581 and 582, and that this Committee report this fact to the Board.

Adopted.

Board of Education.—From A. Emerson Palmer, Secretary, transmitting a petition from the Unionport Taxpayers Association, recommending the renting of three rooms in Odd Fellows Hall for school purposes.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent for report.

From Dr. Jenny B. Merrill, Supervisor of Kindergartens, requesting the use of P. S. 48 on Oct., 3d, P. S. 127 on Oct. 6th and P. S. 61 on Oct. 9th, for the purpose of holding Kindergarten conferences, between the hours of 3:30 and 5 o'clock P. M.

Granted.

Public School 101.—From the Superintendent of School Buildings, submitting a readjustment of the salary of the janitor on account of additional pavement to be cared for:

Present salary, $1,430; increase, $143 per annum; new salary, $1,573 per annum; taking effect from September 12, 1899.

Approved.

Public School 96.—From the Superintendent of School Buildings, submitting a readjustment of the salary of the janitor:

Present salary, $3,835; decrease, $52 per annum; new salary, $3,783 per annum; taking effect Sept. 15, 1899.

Approved.

From Deputy Superintendent Robinson:

September 18, 1899.

Hon. MORRIS E. STERNE,

Chairman, Committee on Sites and Buildings.

SIR: I have the honor to report that, in accordance with your instructions, I have granted vacations during the past summer to the Janitors of Public Schools in the Borough of Manhattan, named below, for the periods indicated by the dates opposite the names, counting from noon of each date.

P. S.	1—E. H. Terwilliger,	.	from	July	1st	to July	10th
"	9—Alfred Hawes,	.	"	Aug.	5th	" Aug.	15th
"	13—Frank S. Brown,	.	"	"	5th	" "	15th
"	16—J. A. Edgerley,	.	"	"	1st	" "	10th
"	22—Geo. W. Wade,	.	"	"	7th	" "	15th
"	31—W. J. Tobin,	.	"	"	8th	" "	15th
"	32—John H. Beil,	.	"	"	4th	" "	14th
"	33—J. O'Connor,	.	"	July	8th	" July	13th
"	40—G. W. Van Demark,		"	Aug.	5th	" Aug.	12th
"	45—John Shields,	.	"	"	3d	" "	13th
"	56—James H. Hammond,		"	July	22d	" "	1st
"	71—Wm. Zimmer,	.	"	"	22d	" "	1st
"	76—John W. Hunt,	.	"	Aug.	7th	" Aug.	14th
"	84—Wm. F. Palmer,	.	"	"	7th	" "	15th
"	92—J. J. Merrifield,	.	"	July	3d	" July	10th
"	93—Jos. J. Thayer,	.	"	"	5th	" "	17th
"	96—James H. Brown,	.	"	"	3d	" "	10th
"	103—J. W. Smith,	.	"	"	17th	" "	24th
"	108—Jas. F. Doyle,	.	"	"	2d	" "	9th
"	110—John R. Metzger,	.	"	"	5th	" "	12th
"	123—C. H. Roberts,	.	"	"	24th	" Aug.	3d
"	142—Louis Fricke,	.	"	"	31st	" "	10th
"	147—John T. Jamison,	.	"	Aug.	9th	" "	15th
Girls' High School—Oscar Poole,			"	"	28th, five days.		

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. Robinson,
Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Borough of Manhattan.

The action of Deputy Superintendent Robinson was approved and the respective absences excused with pay.

Public School 51.—From Miss Kath. A. McCann, Principal P. D., requesting that the gymnasium apparatus located in the school, the property of the vacation school, be removed.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Boys' High School—ANNEX No. 225 E. 23D ST.—From Dr. Buchanan, Principal, recommending that Mr. A. F. Sooker be authorized to act as caterer for this Annex.

Mr. ADAMS moved that the recommendation be approved and to continue during the pleasure of the Committee.

Adopted.

From the Borough Superintendent, requesting that the Superintendents' Department, including the clerks, and also the clerical force of the School Board, be authorized to view the water parade and the fire works from school buildings 29 and 93.

Mr. ADAMS moved that the request be granted.

Adopted.

Public School 77.—From Herman Goldman, to permit the Alumni Association to meet in P. S. 77 on Friday evening, September 22d.

Denied.

Public School 89.—From Miss Teresa L. Atkinson, Principal, recommending the renting of three stores adjoining the Annex, for use of the Primary Department.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent for report.

From the Acting Secretary of the School Board:

NEW YORK, *September* 20, 1899.

HON. MORRIS E. STERNE,
Chairman, Committee on Sites and Buildings.

DEAR SIR:—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 7th instant, directing that the difference between the rent paid by the Janitor of P. S. 114 for his living apartments, and the amount allowed him by the Committee for that purpose be deducted from his salary.

The directions of the Committee will be complied with, but at the same time I very respectfully call your attention to the fact that there is nothing in the by-laws which prohibits a janitor from paying less for his apartments than is allowed for that purpose.

There are doubtless many janitors in the service who are paying less rent than is allowed them, and it is also no doubt true that there are some who are paying more than is allowed.

If it is the intention of the Committee to allow janitors just the amount which they are paying it will not only violate the system of thirteen equal payments, but will be the cause of considerable trouble to your Committee in re-arranging the salaries so as to make them correspond to the ever-changing amounts which are paid out in rent by the janitors.

In order to avoid trouble and confusion, I very respectfully suggest that the amounts allowed janitors for rent be discontinued. I do not know of any good reason why janitors should have living apartments furnished them by the city, any more than any other employee, and the janitors are the only ones thus favored.

It may be argued, and it is doubtless true, that at the time the compensation for janitors was fixed, their occupancy of rooms in the school building was considered as part of their compensation, and to take the rent allowance from them now would be to reduce their compensation below the amount which was considered just and proper for them to receive.

Upon this point I do not pass judgment, as that is a matter to be determined by your Committee. In suggesting that the rent allowance be discontinued, however, I do not wish to be understood as suggesting that their compensation be reduced by the amounts allowed for this purpose, but recommend that the amounts be added to their compensation in some other way, say by increasing the rates for building measurements.

While writing upon this subject, I respectfully suggest also that the system of 13 payments be discontinued, and that the janitors be paid in 12 payments, the same as all other employees.

As the matter stands now 1/13th of a janitor's salary is held up as a prize for him for doing his duty, that is for cleaning the school building during the summer vacation. If the payments are made by 12ths, and a janitor does not do his duty the remedy is simple—fine him or dismiss him.

Yours respectfully,

THOMAS E. BUSSEY,
Acting Secretary.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings for report.

The following-named bills were approved:

ACCOUNT 1897.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES, WARD SCHOOLS REPAIRS.

L. Friedenberg,	glazing,	P. S. 35, Jan. . . .	$2.75
"	"	P. S. 35, April 3, . .	1.63
"	"	" May 25 . .	2.88
F. Goldman,	"	P. S. 74, Dec. 16 . .	6.85
C. Goldman,	"	" 70, Sept. 10 . .	3.82

THOMAS E. BUSSEY,
Acting Secretary.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, met this day at No. 146 Grand street at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. ADAMS, O'BRIEN, LIVINGSTON and ROGERS—5.

Public School 2, No. 137 Henry street.—Offer to rent the first, second and third floors of No. 137 Henry street, for three years, at an annual rental of $3,500, including light, heat and janitor's service. (See report of Deputy Superintendent Robinson, pp. 264, 265, 272, 299; report of Borough Superintendent Jasper, p. 303.)

Laid over to await report from Mr. ADAMS.

Nos. 244 and 246 East Fifty-second street, Annex Girls' High School.—From Jacob Fleischhauer, submitting a bill of Frank Rabe for services as watchman, April 7th to July 27, 1899, at a rate of wages of $25 per month. (Minutes, pp. 301 and 305.)

The consideration of the matter was laid over.

Public School 151.—Charges preferred against Thomas F. Hughes, janitor, by Mrs. Agnes O'Brien, Principal, Thomas F. McCahill and David Barnicle. (Minutes, pp. 271, 272, 283, 289, 290 and 306.)

The consideration of the matter was laid over.

Unionport Taxpayers' Association.—Recommending that three rooms in Odd Fellows' Hall Home, situated on Avenue B, Unionport, be secured for school purposes.

The Borough Superintendent reported:

"I endorse the application. * * * Investigation shows that there are over 400 children attending the Westchester school, P. S. 97, from Unionport, and it has been found necessary in the past to hire three stages to convey the smaller children the intervening mile and a-half to the school. This arrangement has not been found satisfactory, and I would respectfully recommend that three rooms in the Odd Fellows' Home, which have previously been used for school purposes, be secured for the accommodation of the small children living in the vicinity."

Referred to Mr. Morgan, Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, for a report as to the terms upon which the rooms can be hired.

Rent Allowance to Janitors.– Communication from Thomas E. Bussey, Acting Secretary, with reference to the allowance for rent to janitors residing on other than the school premises. (Minutes, p. 313.)

Laid over, to await consideration of report from the Superintendent of School Buildings.

Public School 89, P. D.—From Mrs. T. L. Atkinson, Principal, with reference to renting three stores adjoining the Annex, for the use of the Primary Department.

Laid over, to await Mr. Jasper's report.

Public School 180, Old P. S. 1.—From Dr. Seth T. Stewart, recommending that this school building be set aside as a permanent building for the exhibit of the many different lines of school work throughout the year, it thus becoming, as already suggested, a Museum Pedagogique of the City.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the recommendation be approved.

From the Superintendent of School Buildings recommending that the salaries of janitors of the following-named schools be increased as follows:

	Present salary.	Increase.	Take effect.
P. S. 6, . .	$3,250	$91	From Sept. 11th
P. S. 46, . .	2,691	91	April 8th
Mixed High School,	1,586	208	Sept. 1st

Approved.

Girls' High School—Annex.—No. 244 and 246 East fifty-second street, Superintendent of School Buildings recommending that the janitor of Public School 18 be placed in charge temporarily, of the girls' annex and that his salary be fixed in accordance with the by-laws at $676 per annum, taking effect from September 1, 1899, rent allowance not included.

Approved.

Public School 114.—Mr. O'Brien moved to rescind the action of this Committee taken July 31, see top of page 298 of the minutes, in directing the Acting Secretary to withhold from the salary of Michael J. Molloy, Janitor, the difference between $12 per month he has been paying for rent of living apartments and the amount allowed by this Committee, $299 per annum, and that the Acting Secretary of the Board be instructed to restore the amount deducted until a general readjustment of salaries is made.

Adopted.

Public School 61.—From the Borough Superintendent reporting as follows: "The P. D. of P. S. 61 is now crowded, and the rooms of the Lutheran Church that have before been occupied for the relief of the said school are again required. I would respectfully recommend, therefore, that such action be taken as will secure for us the use of the aboved mentioned rooms for a period of at least two years."

The Clerk reported that the Sunday School room of the Church in question, on Fulton avenue between One hundred and sixty-ninth and One hundred and seventieth streets, was vacated in July 1897, the rent at that time being $250 per annum, including heat, light and service of janitor.

Referred to Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan, for report as to whether the premises can again be secured, and, if so, on what terms.

Public School 31.—From Miss Millicent Baum, Principal, requesting that the janitor be paid the extra thirteenth of his annual salary.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson for report.

The following communication was received from the Borough Superintendent.

NEW YORK, *Sept.* 26, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

Superintendent Marble reports as follows:

"In P. S. 82, P. D., there are 12 part-time classes, with 6 substitutes: and all the children are accomodated in this way.

"We need more room; for apparently these part-time classes must continue indefinitely. Adjoining the school is a building owned by the Board of Education, which may be fitted for 6 or 8 classes; and this should, in my judgment, be done unless there is an immediate prospect of the erection of an annex to P. S. 82 on that lot.

"At 67th street, between 2d and 3d avenues, there is a building which may probably be rented, and which would relieve P. S. 82 till the annex shall have been erected.

"As at present informed, I think that steps should be taken at once to fit up one of these buildings, so as to get rid of the part-time classes."

I would respectfully recommend that the Superintendent of School Buildings be requested to report as to the practicability of

fitting up the property of the Board of Education above referred to; and if it be found not desirable, I would recommend that the premises, 67th street, between 2d and 3d avenues, also above referred to, be rented, provided the Building Department reports favorably as to their adaptability for school purposes.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

Referred to the Superintendent of School Buildings for report.

Public School 143.—From the Borough Superintendent with reference to rehiring the premises One hundred and fortieth street between Alexander and Willis avenues:

NEW YORK, *Sept.* 25, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

It was thought that at the opening of the new school, P. S. 164, 141st Street, near Brook Avenue, the building at 140th Street, near Willis Avenue, would be no longer required. I now find that the new building is almost filled to its capacity, and that in another month, or at the outside, two months, it will be necessary for us to use the said building at 140th Street, near Willis Avenue.

I would recommend, therefore, that this building be rehired for school purposes, as it is absolutely needed for the accommodation of children living in that immediate neighborhood.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

The CLERK reported that the lease would expire on October 15, 1899.

Mr. ADAMS moved to report to the School Board, requesting the Board of Education to cause a renewal of the lease in question to be made for one year, with privilege of an additional year, at the same annual rental as is now being paid.

Adopted.

Public School 133.—The following communication was received from the Borough Superintendent:

September 26, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

P. S. 133 now contains half-day classes, and some of the children living in that immediate neighborhood attend P. S. 90. and crowd out children living in the vicinity of that school.

I would, therefore, respectfully recommend that some action be taken looking to the hiring of a store opposite P. S. 133, where the children seeking instruction in this school may be accommodated.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

Mr. ADAMS moved that the School Board recommend to the Board of Education to erect an addition to this school.

Adopted.

Public School 40.—Bill of John Kelly, Janitor Public School 50, for cleaning new Public School 40 prior to the commencement of the term, amounting to $72.

Deputy Superintendent Robinson reported "that the amount is reasonable and proper and should be allowed."

Mr. ADAMS moved to recommend to the School Board that the bill be paid.

Adopted.

Taxpayers, 24th Ward.—Petitioning that a school house be erected on the Boston Post Road somewhere between the intersection of the road or avenue, known as Corsa Lane or Eastchester Road, and the intersection of the easterly end of Sheiffelin's Lane with the Boston Road. (See report of Mr. Snyder, pp. 287, 288.)

The Borough Superintendent submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *September* 26, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

In relation to the enclosed petition, I would say that I have investigated the need of a school house on the Boston Post Road, 24th Ward, City of New York, somewhere between the intersection of the road or avenue known as Corsa Lane or Eastchester Road, and the intersection of the easterly end of Sheiffllin's Lane with the Boston Road, and would report as follows:

There are at present two pupils from this vicinity attending P. S. 98, eight pupils attending P. S. 138, twenty-five pupils attending P. S. 101, while P. S. 148 accommodates the primary pupils living in that section. The pupils attending P. S. 101 are transported by stage, and are placed in four grammar grades.

P. S. 101 is not crowded; P. S. 148 can accommodate nearly twice as many pupils as it now has; P. S. 138 will have five additional rooms ready for occupancy in a month or six weeks; and P. S. 98 will have eight additional rooms ready for occupancy on January 1, 1900.

Inasmuch as the schools in that section have or will soon have ample accommodations for some time to come for all pupils living in the vicinity of the Boston Road at this point, and as the school if opened would be a small one, I do not advise the erection of a new school building at the present time as petitioned.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

Mr. ADAMS moved that the recommendation of the Borough Superintendent be approved.

Adopted.

THOMAS E. BUSSEY,
Acting Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, met this day, at No. 146 Grand street, at 7:20 o'clock P. M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. ADAMS, LIVINGSTON, and O'BRIEN—4.

The CHAIRMAN stated that he had called this meeting for the purpose of investigating rumors to the effect that improper methods were being used by some of the janitors in their efforts to secure a transfer to the janitorship of buildings other than the ones in which they are now employed, the subject of transferring janitors being under consideration by the Committee for some time past.

In connection with this subject the following-named janitors, by invitation, appeared before the Committee and made statements in connection with the matter, which were noted by the stenographer:

Wm. F. McCusker, P. S. 57; John Mullin, P. S. 2; Edward Cassin. P. S. 77; Frederick Meyer, P. S. 75; Andrew J. Maguire, P. S. 157; Timothy Regan, P. S. 30; Wm. F. Kenefick, P. S. 121; Ralph F. Baxter, P. S. 90, and Daniel Riordan, P. S. 158.

The Secretary was instructed to summon Mr. John H. Van Tine, No. 121 West One hundred and twenty-fifth street, to appear before this Committee at a meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 11th, at 5 o'clock P. M.

THOMAS E. BUSSEY,
Acting Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, met at No. 146 Grand street, this day, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. ADAMS, LIVINGSTON and O'BRIEN—4.

The Committee took up for consideration the subject of transferring school janitors.

Ordered, That the following-named janitors be transferred, and that the matter be reported to the Board for approval, to take effect on November 1, 1899:

Wm. F. McCusker, from P. S. 57 to P. S. 159.

Mr. ADAMS voting in the negative.

Michael F. Hynes,	from	P. S.	41	to P. S.	57.
Edward J. Sheridan,	"	P. S.	137	to P. S.	157.
John Kelly,	"	P. S.	50	to P. S.	164.
John Mullin,	"	P. S.	2	to P. S.	166.
Ganto Alexander,	"	P. S.	37	to P. S.	165.
Edward Cassin,	"	P. S.	77	to P. S.	167.
Chas. W. Brundage,	"	P. S.	150	to P. S.	40.
John S. Lane,	"	P. S.	44	to P. S.	2.
John R. Metzgar,	"	P. S.	110	to P. S.	4.
Wm. T. Bishop,	"	P. S.	4	to P. S.	37.
Arthur W. Price,	"	P. S.	130	to P. S.	137.
Frank E. Crosby,	"	P. S.	82	to P. S.	77.
Wm. H. Flynn,	"	P. S.	24	to P. S.	169.

(Mr. Flynn's transfer to be subject to a favorable report from the engineer, Mr. McMannis.)

The Clerk reported the following vacancies:

P. S. 23, 24, 41, 44, 50, 82, 110, 130 and 150.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the selections made by the Committee are made for merit, efficiency, and on the recommendation as to ability, testified by Chief Engineer McMannis, to take charge of the new schools to which they are transferred.

Adopted.

THOMAS E. BUSSEY,
Acting Secretary.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, met at No. 146 Grand st., this day at 5 o'clock P. M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. LIVINGSTON, O'BRIEN and ROGERS—4.

The Minutes of the meeting held September 26th, as printed, were amended as follows:

Page 318, by adding the word "adopted" at the end of the page.

Page 320, fourth line from the top, by striking out the word "annum" and inserting "month."

The Minutes of the meetings held July 31st, September 21st and 26th, 1899, as printed and amended were approved.

Public School 2.—Inspectors of the Second School District urging the securing of additional apartments for P. S. 2; also, from Ursuline Convent of St. Teresa, offering to rent the 1st, 2d and 3d floors of No. 137 Henry st., for three years at a rental of $3,500 per annum, including heat, light and service of janitor. (See Minutes, pp. 264, 265, 272, 299, 304 and 317.)

Mr. LIVINGSTON stated that Mr. ADAMS reports adverse to renting the premises in question, the rent being deemed excessive; aside from this, the owners propose to retain the use of the other portions of the building.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the offer be declined.

Adopted.

Public School 151.—Consideration of the complaints made against Thomas F. Hughes, janitor, by Mrs. Agnes O'Brien, principal, Cornelius F. McCahill and David Barnicle. (Minutes, pp. 271, 272, 283, 289, 290, 306 and 317.)

Mrs. O'Brien was present, and Mr. Hughes was present with his counsel, and testimony taken.

The further consideration of the matter was laid over.

244 and 246 East 52d St.—Jacob Fleischhauer submitted a bill of Frank Rabe, for services as watchman, April 7th to July 27th, 1899, at a rate of wages of $25 per month.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education, the services not having been authorized by this Board.

Adopted.

Unionport Taxpayers Association.—Recommending the renting of three rooms in the Odd Fellows Home, Unionport, as an annex to P. S. 97. (Minutes, p. 318.)

Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan, submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *September* 28, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: Relative to a communication dated August 8, 1899, from the Unionport Tax-payers Association addressed to the Hon. J. J. Little, President Board of Education, recommending that the Board rent three classrooms in the Odd Fellows Home on Avenue B, Unionport, as Annex No. 2 of Public School 97, to be used as such until the proposed schoolhouse in Unionport is completed. I beg to report that on September 5, 1899, I made an inspection of the rooms offered and find the conditions as follows:

The building in which the rooms are located is a modern three story and mansard roof brick building, erected seven years ago,

and is now used to accommodate about 50 orphan children of both sexes, the rooms being divided into dormitories, dining rooms, playrooms, toilets, etc. The proposed classrooms are located—one on 2nd floor 31½x21¼ feet in size—one on 3rd floor 22x21¼ feet, both at the southwest angle of building, and one on 3rd floor 16x22 feet; ceiling 10 feet: all well lighted, provided with ample halls, stairways and fire-escapes; lavatories are on each of these floors. The rooms are in good condition. The smaller room is already fitted with seats and desks, and sufficient furniture, I am informed, is now in the building to furnish another classroom. About 150 pupils could be accommodated.

I saw the Superintendent of the Institution, Mr. Ludwig, who informed me the Board of Trustees would let these rooms for $75 per month rental, which would include heat, light, water and attendance. The rooms are available for use at once. I believe them to be suitable for school uses and would recommend that they be hired.

Respectfully,

C. M. MORGAN,

Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Borough of The Bronx.

MR. O'BRIEN moved to report to the Board recommending that the Board of Education take the necessary steps to rent the rooms in question for one year, with the privilege of a renewal for an additional year.

Adopted.

Rent Allowance to Janitors.—Consideration of the communication from Mr. Bussey, Acting Secretary of the School Board, (Minutes, p. 318).

The Superintendent of School Buildings submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *September* 27, 1899.

HON. MORRIS E. STERNE,
Chairman, Committee on Sites and Buildings.

DEAR SIR: I am in receipt of a communication from Mr. E. E. Van Saun, Clerk to your Committee, transmitting copy of communication from Acting Secretary Bussey, with reference to rent allowance to Janitors of Public Schools, referred to me by your Committee on September 21st.

I beg to say that Mr. Bussey simply re-states a matter with which your Committee is acquainted in all its details, and I cannot see that anything can be added thereto. Your Committee is already in possession of my recommendations of some months ago in regard to the decrease in the maximum salaries and the increase in the minimum salaries of janitors. I have long held that the maximum salaries, or in other words, the janitors' pay of some of the larger schools, is excessive, while the janitors' pay for the smaller schools is not sufficient to secure services of competent people.

Respectfully,
C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

Ordered, That the consideration of said communication be laid over.

Public School 89, P. D.—From Mrs. T. L. Atkinson, recommending that the stores Nos. 62, 64 and 66 West One hundred and thirty-fifth street, be rented for use as an annex.

The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, reported as follows:

October 18, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

In relation to the application of the Principal of P. D. 89 asking that the two stores adjoining the stores already used as an annex to this school be hired for the accommodation of

children applying for admission to this school, I would say that there are now four part-time classes in this school, and 65 children have been refused admission.

In view of these facts, I would recommend that the request of Miss Atkinson be granted, provided, however, the Superintendent of School Buildings reports favorably as to the suitability of the premises for the purpose mentioned.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

Ordered, To recommend that the Board of Education take the necessary steps to rent the premises in question.

Public School 61.—From the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, recommending that rooms in the Lutheran Church, formerly rented, temporarily, be rented for a period of two years. (Minutes, pp. 319 and 320.)

Acting Deputy Superintendent MORGAN reported as follows:

NEW YORK, *October* 4, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: In the matter of securing classrooms in the Lutheran Church, Fulton avenue, between One hundred and sixty-ninth and One hundred and seventieth streets, to be used as an Annex to Public School 61, which was referred to me by your Committee for report as to whether the premises can be secured, and if so, upon what terms, I beg respectfully to report as follows:

The accommodations offered are the Sunday School room located on the first floor of the church building and is divided by movable partitions into four rooms. They were occupied during a period of three months in 1897 as an Annex to P. S. 61 at a monthly rental of $250 and were abandoned in July of that year when repairs to the school building, by reason of fire, were completed.

In a communication dated September 29, 1899, and addressed to Borough Associate Superintendent Lee, the Trustees of St. John's German Lutheran Church, by their secretary, William C. Wulp, of 100 William street, city, offer to lease these premises to the Board of Education for a period of one year, or longer if desired, for the sum of $2,600 per annum, payable as may hereafter be arranged, *including* the services of a *janitor, steam heat and necessary electric light;* the Board of Education to agree to furnish the furniture required and to return the premises at expiration of lease in good condition. The Trustees to have the privilege of using the rooms on Sundays for their Sunday School, and further that they are to be exempt from any liabilities as to *taxes, etc.*, by reason of their act in leasing the premises for school purposes.

The rooms are light and adapted for classrooms; also sufficient toilet conveniences are available for pupils' use. I am informed by the Primary Principal that the additional accommodations afforded by the leasing of these rooms would do away with the present half-day classes now made necessary.

Respectfully,

C. M. MORGAN,

Acting Deputy Sup't of School Buildings, Borough of The Bronx.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that a report be presented to the School Board, recommending that the Board of Education take the necessary steps to secure a rental of the premises for a term of one year with a privilege of renewal for an additional year.

Adopted.

Public School 82.—From the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, with reference to providing additional accommodations for the Primary Department (Minutes, pp. 320 and 321).

Laid over, to await a report from Superintendent Snyder.

Public School 37.—From G. Alexander, Janitor, requesting that his absence for three hours on September 26th, be excused with pay.

Granted.

Public School 93.—From Miss Isabella A. McCabe, Principal of the Primary Department, requesting that a piano be supplied for the kindergarten.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies of the Board of Education.

From the Superintendent of School Buildings.

NEW YORK, *October* 2, 1899.

HON. MORRIS E. STERNE,
Chairman, Committee on Sites and Buildings.

DEAR SIR: It has been customary each year to issue orders to the janitors of the public schools in the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, relative to placing the ventilating apparatus in the buildings in operation and getting the heating apparatus in working order so that it can be used when required, and on September 28, 1899, I sent out order No. 42, copy of which is enclosed, in the name of your Committee.

Will you kindly approve my action and greatly oblige,

Respectfully,
C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

ORDER NO. 42.

To the Janitors, Public Schools,
Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

I am directed by the Chairman of the Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, to notify you that all matters pertaining to the ventilating apparatus in your school building, needing attention,

must be seen to at once, and the system placed in full operation on October 2, 1899, as per Rule 16, By-Laws Regulating the Duties of Janitors of the Public Schools, to which your attention is directed. No excuse will be accepted for not having the heating apparatus in working order on the first day it is required for use.

Respectfully,
C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

September 28, 1899.

List of school buildings where force ventilation is installed; same to be in full operation on October 3, 1899.

P. S. 5	P. S. 30	P. S. 82	P. S. 155
" 6	" 34	" 87	" 156
" 7	" 37	" 96	" 157
" 8	" 43	" 103	" 158
" 9	" 54	" 105	" 159
" 10	" 56	" 121	" 160
" 14	" 58	" 122	" 164
" 19	" 67	" 127	" 165
" 23	" 75	" 151	" 166
" 25	" 77	" 153	" 167
" 29	" 79	" 154	" 169

Order No. 42 was sent to the janitors of the above schools on September 28, 1899.

Ordered, That the action of the Superintendent of School Buildings be approved.

Public School 53.—From the Superintendent of School Buildings, giving notice of an increase in the salary of the janitor on account of additional yard space to care for:

Present salary.	Increase.	Total.	Date.
$2,301.	$52.	$2,353.	Sept. 11.

Approved.

Public School 149.—From Deputy Superintendent Robinson, fixing the salary of the janitor at $455 per annum, dating from July 2d, for the annex, No. 180 Cherry street.

Approved.

Public School 164.—Bill of Wm. Murphy, janitor of P. S. 154, for cleaning the new building, P. S. 164, $43.75.

Approved.

From Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan, giving notice of vacations granted by him to janitors during vacation:

NEW YORK, *September* 26, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with the amendment of section 47, paragraph 5, of the by-laws, which applies to the granting of vacations to janitors, giving authority to Deputy Superintendents to grant such leave of absence, not to exceed ten days, to janitors who have been one year or longer in the service, between July 1st and August 15th, provided that the presence of the janitor is not required at the school building, I beg to report that I have issued such permits to Mr. Hugh Doon, janitor of P. S. 85, and Mr. John T. Conway, janitor of P. S. 97—each from July 25th to August 3d, inclusive.

Janitor John J. Dolan, of P. S. 99, on August 15th applied for a leave of absence on account of sickness, the request being accompanied by his doctor's certificate stating that he had malaria in a severe form; on the advice of Commissioner O'Brien I granted Mr. Dolan two weeks leave of absence, dating from August 25th, a competent man being left in charge of the school building.

Francis R. McKiever, janitor of P. S. 152, applied for and was granted leave of absence for one day, on September 14th, the assistant janitor remaining in charge.

I would ask that the Committee approve of my action.

Respectfully,

C. M. MORGAN,

Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Borough of the Bronx.

Ordered, That the action of the Acting Deputy Superintendent be approved.

Report of Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan on the analysis of the quarterly reports of the inspectors of the 29th, 33d and 34th Districts:

NEW YORK, *October* 4, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: Referring to the analyses of the Quarterly Reports of the Board of Inspectors for the 29th, 33d and 34th Districts, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, bearing date of September 5, 1899, I would respectfully report as follows:

29TH DISTRICT.

P. S. 43—Calling attention to the soiled appearance of exterior walls facing 129th street and Amsterdam avenue.

The Budget of 1899 allotted but $500 to this building, the greater part of which was expended on needed repairs and painting of roofs.

Provision is made in next year's Budget for the improvements mentioned, and if this amount is allowed the work will then be done.

P. S. 132—Recommending that this school building be abandoned as unsuitable for school purposes.

I would suggest the matter be referred to the Borough Superintendent for his opinion.

The school premises have had improvements made during vacation and are in good sanitary condition.

33D DISTRICT.

P. S. 133—Urging additional school facilities on the "Fox Estate."

These should be provided, and are contemplated when funds asked for are available: in the mean time, if thought desirable, temporary additional accommodations could be secured in the neighborhood as an annex to P. S. 133.

34TH DISTRICT.

Old P. S. 63—Recommending its removal, for the reason that building obstructs light in classrooms of new building adjoining.

The old building is used as one of two annexes to the Mixed High School, the other being located in New P. S. 167 and I am informed that the accommodations afforded by the use of the old building will be necessary until the new High School building proposed at 166th street, Boston road and Jackson avenue, shall be completed.

The recommendation made by the Board of Inspectors that 50 feet additional be acquired to the south of P. S. 63 is not clear, for the reason that the southerly line of our present property now extends to 173d street.

P. S. 65—Recommending new floors in playrooms.

Artificial stone floors were laid in both playrooms during vacation.

New door in the southwest wing classroom 1st floor is not an absolute necessity, for the reason that it would afford an additional exit for this classroom only, which at the present time is provided with two exits, and also for the reason that funds for this purpose are not at present available.

P. S. 66—Unquestionably the roof will again leak as soon as cold weather sets in. A five years' guarantee was

given by the contractors, which does not expire until October 24th, 1900. They have been promptly notified when leaks were reported, but owing to the nature of the material the repairs do not remain permanent, and but for the care exercised by the janitor the conditions would have been even worse than they are. When the guarantee expires a new slag roof should be laid over the present one.

P. S. 81—Assembly room clock out of repair.

This has been referred to the proper parties. Section 46, Paragraph 22, of the By-Laws, requires the janitor to report to the Principal any clocks that may be out of order; the Principal should notify the patrol inspector, so that repairs might promptly be made.

Assembly room walls should be painted, but as only $200 was allowed for repairs to the entire building this could not be done during the past vacation. The amount asked for in 1900 covers this item.

P. S. 146—More blackboards required in all classrooms. This has been referred to the Furniture Division for action if funds permit its being done.

P. S. 153—Recommending the purchase of a lot adjoining school property for the purpose of erecting a house for the use of janitor.

This would be desirable, as at present the janitor is obliged to live outside the prescribed limit of 500 yards from the school building.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. Morgan,

Acting Deputy Sup't of School Buildings,
Borough of The Bronx.

Ordered, That a copy of the report be submitted to the Inspectors.

From Thomas B. Leahy, offering to rent the corner store, southwest corner 161st street and Brook avenue, for the sum of $650 per year, the city to make all alterations.

The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, reported that the premises will accommodate a class of fifty and recommended that they be rented, provided the Building Department passes favorably upon their suitability.

Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan reported as follows:

NEW YORK, *October* 17, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: I beg to respectfully report that I have visited the premises on the southwest corner of 161st street and Brook avenue, offered by Thomas B. Leahy, of 350 West 31st street, for school purposes at an annual rental of $650, the Board of Education to make all alterations required.

The building is a four story brick and stone flat. The store is irregular in shape, averaging about 27x40 feet; ceiling 11 feet high. One double door on Brook avenue, single door on 161st street.

The store itself is suitable for one large class, but there is no basement accommodation for pupils' closets and no running water in the store. The janitor of the building lives in the basement directly under the store. Unless the owner agrees to provide suitable room for placing closets I should recommend that this offer be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. MORGAN,

Acting Deputy Sup't of School Buildings, Borough of the Bronx.

The consideration of the matter was laid over.

From Mrs. F. W. Maas, offering to rent a house containing 15 rooms, steam heated, on a plot of ground 92x122, corner of 165th street and Union avenue.

The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, reported:

"In P. S. 90, 62 children have been refused admission to the grammar department, and 1,184 children are being taught in part-time classes in the Primary Department. There is, therefore, the utmost necessity for additional school accommodations for the children in this vicinity, and I would recommend that the premises in question be secured, provided the Building Department reports favorably as to their suitability for school purposes."

Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan reported as follows:

NEW YORK, *October* 16, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: I would respectfully report as follows on premises located at Union avenue and East One hundred and sixty-fifth street, which are offered by Mrs. F. W. Maas, of 977 East One hundred and sixty-fifth street, for school purposes as an annex to Public School 90:

The building is a two-story and attic frame dwelling about 50x60 feet in dimensions, containing 15 rooms, located on plot 92x122. The house is a modern structure built ten years ago by the owner for a private residence, and is generally in very good repair. The ceilings are 12 feet high on 1st story, 11½ feet on 2d story, and 8 feet in the basement.

The rooms of attic story would not be suitable for classes On the first and second floors, six rooms in all could with slight changes be made available for the accommodation of about 200 pupils; the remaining rooms could be adapted for teachers' use, wardrobes, supplies, etc.

The building is steam heated, and lighted by gas. Stairway and passages are liberal. Owner offers to make necessary alterations and repairs, on condition that it be leased for three or five years at $1,500 yearly rental.

The house is pleasantly located, well lighted and appears in good sanitary condition.

While the rooms are not of the most approved shape for

classes (averaging about 14x22), yet they could be adapted to the uses of kindergarten and the lower primary grades.

There is a frame stable about 22x35 feet in size at the rear of house, which could be arranged for placing pupils' closets.

The house is about 45 feet high from ground to ridge, and I am in doubt as to whether the Building Department would permit its use as a school.

Union avenue and One hundred and sixty-fifth street at this location have asphalt pavements.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. MORGAN,
Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Borough of The Bronx.

The consideration of the matter was laid over.

From J. W. Ketcham, offering to rent the stores Nos. 916 and 918 Brook avenue, at a rental of $60 per month, and will fix them up to suit, and will give the use of the cellar for closets.

The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, reports that the premises will accommodate a class of fifty, and recommended that they be rented, provided the Building Department passes favorably upon their suitability.

Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan reported as follows:

NEW YORK, *October* 17, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with your request I have visited the premises at Nos. 916 and 918 Brook avenue, stores offered for school uses by J. W. Ketcham, owner, of 187 Broadway, at a monthly rental of $60. This offer includes the alterations necessary to fit it for school purposes, with pupils' closets in basement and stairway from store leading to same.

The building is a five-story flat. The store is irregular in shape but will average about 25 x 33 feet; the entire west side,

42 feet in width, is of plate glass, and as the building opens on to a park or square the light consequently is exceptionally good. Ceiling is 11½ feet high.

The agent said he thought the owner would be willing for a small advance over the sum named to place radiators in the store, connecting same with present hot water boiler in cellar and thus get heat by hot water circulation.

Nothing is mentioned as to janitor's attendance, but this could readily be arranged with the janitor of the flat.

I would recommend that the premises be leased on the terms proposed.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. MORGAN,

Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Borough of The Bronx.

The consideration of the matter was laid over.

Public School 133.—From A. M. Bendheim, offering to lease the stores corner of One hundred and sixty-seventh and One hundred and sixty-ninth streets at their junction with Fox street for a term of two years at a rental of $65 per month.

The Borough Superintendent submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *October* 11, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

In relation to the offer of A. M. Bendheim to lease the premises corner of 167th street and 169th street, I would say that there are now 110 children taught in part-time classes in P. S. 133, and the pressure on the other schools in this vicinity is equally great.

I would respectfully recommend that the premises mentioned be secured for the relief of P. S. 133, provided the Building Department reports favorably as to their suitability for school purposes.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,

Borough Superintendent.

Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan, submitted the following report:

NEW YORK, *October* 16, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to report that on October 10th I made an inspection of the premises fronting on East 167th and 169th streets, at their junction with Fox street, offered by Mr. A. M. Bendheim, owner, for use as an annex to P. S. 133, for a term of two years, at a rental of $65.00 per month.

The accommodations consist of two irregular shaped stores, the lot being a gore, with living rooms back, and each store containing toilet conveniences. The building is a four story apartment house of brick. There are no heating arrangements provided in these stores, and stoves would have to be set up. By removing the partitions forming living rooms three fair size classrooms could be made, accommodating about 125 primary pupils, provided double furniture be used. The rooms are well lighted, are in fair condition and provided with ample exits.

I see no objection to using them for classes, and $50.00 monthly rental should be sufficient. The alterations, provided the owner will agree to them, will cost about $350. These stores are directly opposite the school premises, so that the school playgrounds would be available for pupils' use.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. MORGAN,
Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings,
Borough of The Bronx.

The consideration of the matter was laid over.

Public School 144.—From Miss Pauline L. Loss, Principal, to have room No. 2 fitted up as a Principal's office.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Public School 144.—From Miss Pauline L. Loss, Principal, to have room No. 8 fitted up as a book-room.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Public School 16.—From the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, recommending that a classroom be fitted up on the ground floor in the northeast corner of the building, as follows:

NEW YORK, *Oct.* 11, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

In view of the fact that over thirty pupils of 1A and 1B grades are now excluded from P. S. 16 for lack of seating accommodations, I would recommend that a classroom be fitted up on the ground floor in the northeast corner of the building.

This recommendation is made conditional upon the air space being sufficient to accommodate 35 to 45 pupils. I would suggest that the Building Department be requested to pass upon the availability of the rooms mentioned as to air space, light, etc.

Only slight alterations would be needed, the removal of an inside vestibule, the glazing of two doors, and some painting of the walls. New furniture would have to be supplied.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson for report.

Public School 15.—From the School Inspectors of the Eighth District, urging that additional accommodation be provided for P. S. 15.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent.

Public School 114.—From M. J. Molloy, Janitor, giving notice that he had caused the arrest of Michael Calbano for breaking glass in the school building.

Ordered, That said notice be placed on file.

Public School 162.—From Chas. F. Norton, Janitor, asking that his absence on October 6th, from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M. be excused.

Granted with pay.

From Miss Sophie J. Nicolai, Supervisor of Physical Education, for permission to use the gymnasium in P. S. 1, at Henry and Oliver streets, on Wednesday afternoon of each week during the winter from 3:30 to 5 P. M., in order to give gymnastical instruction to the male teachers in that section of the city.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, for report.

1626 First Avenue.—Report of Deputy Superintendent Robinson recommending the renting of a store occupying the whole front portion and rooms intended for dwelling rooms in the rear, at a rental of $50 per month, for use as a Kindergarten for P. S. 77.

Ordered, To report to the Board, recommending the Board of Education to take the necessary steps to rent the same.

Public School 11.— Complaint of School Inspector Wm. M. Abbott, of the Thirteenth District, that the janitor, Wm. T. Campbell, failed to keep the building and premises in a cleanly condition.

Inspector Abbott and Mr. Campbell were present and heard.

On motion the complaint was dismissed.

Public School 35.—From David Dennehy, Janitor, requesting information as to whether he shall permit club to occupy the school.

The Clerk was instructed to communicate with the club in question and to request it to file the necessary application.

Public School 44.—Mr. O'Brien moved that the action of the Superintendent of School Buildings in assigning Mr. Henry M. Gogerty, the first name on the eligible list, to the position of watchman on Oct. 14th, at P. S. 44, at the rate of compensation of $50 per month, be approved.

Adopted.

From the Committee on High Schools to have old P. S. 40, now P. S. 47, occupied as an annex to the Boys' High School, fitted up. (See Jol., pp. 529 and 570.)

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson for report.

From the Committee on High Schools, calling attention to the need of repairs in the annex to the Girls' High School in East Fifty-second street.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson for report.

From Mr. Charles C. Burlingham, recommending that a room be fitted up in Evening School 49, for the purpose of teaching cooking.

Referred to the Committee on Teachers.

Public School 81.—Mr. Livingston moved to recommend to the Board that Mr. Wm. J. Oliver be paid $153 for services as acting janitor during the month of September, and $153—the thirteenth of the annual salary of the position—for cleaning the premises during vacation.

Adopted.

The engineer, Mr. Wm. McMannis, reported favorably on the transfer of William H. Flynn from the janitorship of P. S. 24 to P. S. 169.

Ordered, To recommend to the Board that the following named janitors be transferred to take effect on November 1, 1899.

School.	Name.	Transfer from.
P. S. 23,	George W. VanDemark,	P. S. 47.
P. S. 41,	Matthew J. Perkinson,	P. S. 106.
P. S. 50,	George Bladon,	P. S. 144.
P. S. 144,	William H. Young,	P. S. 112.
P. S. 15,	William J. McLaughlin,	P. S. 21.
P. S. 21,	Michael J. Molloy,	P. S. 114.
P. S. 82,	John W. Davis,	P. S. 128.
P. S. 47,	Cornelius Clifford,	P. S. 15.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of School Buildings be notified of the transfer of janitors made at the meeting held October 11th and this date, and request him to apply to the Municipal Civil Service Commission for an eligible list of janitors for appointment to the following-named schools :

P. S. 24,	P. S. 112,
P. S. 44,	P. S. 114,
P. S. 106,	P. S. 130,
P. S. 110,	P. S. 150.

THOMAS E. BUSSEY,
Acting Secretary.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, met at No. 146 Grand st., this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. ADAMS, LIVINGSTON and O'BRIEN—4.

The Minutes of the meetings held October 4th, 11th and 17th, as printed were approved.

Public School 38.—From Miss Mary J. Gallagher, Principal G. D., and Mrs. Mary A. Rogers, Principal P. D., dated October 21, 1899, reporting Mr. Charles W. Miller, Janitor, for neglect of duty, and having found him in an intoxicated condition on October 20, 1899.

The CHAIRMAN reported, that, on October 25, 1899, he, having received the report from the Principals of P. S. 38, immediately called at the school in question and at 2 o'clock P. M., suspended Mr. Miller from duty, without pay. On the same afternoon he notified Mr. Joseph Swift, Janitor of P. S. 3, to take charge of P. S. 38 in conjunction with his duties in P. S. 3, the rate of compensation to be fixed at a later date; on the same date, he sent notice by Mr. Swift to the Principals of P. S. 38, of Mr. Swift's assignment to P. S. 38.

Mr. ADAMS moved that the action of the Chairman be approved.

Adopted.

Miss Gallagher, Mrs. Rogers and Mr. Miller were present and heard the testimony being taken under oath.

Mr. ADAMS moved that this Committee recommend to the Board, that Mr. Charles W. Miller be removed from his position of Janitor of Public School 38, for intoxication, it being his second offence, and that Mr. Joseph Swift, Janitor of P. S. 3, in addition to his duties in said school, be continued in charge of P. S. 38 until the appointment of a Janitor of the last named school.

Adopted.

Public School 151.—Complaint of Mrs. Agnes O'Brien, Principal, Cornelius F. McCahill and David Barnicle, against Thomas F. Hughes, Janitor (Minutes, pp. 271, 272, 283, 289, 290, 306, 317 and 330.)

The further consideration of the matter was laid over.

Relative to the Salaries of Janitors.—Communication from Mr. Bussey, Secretary of the Borough Board, and Mr. Snyder, Superintendent of School Buildings (Minutes, pp. 318, 331 and 332).

The consideration of the matter was laid over.

Public School 82.—Consideration of the report of the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, with reference to providing additional accommodations (Minutes, pp. 321 and 334.)

The Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson, submitted the following report:

October 30, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN:—In reply to the communication from Borough Superintendent, dated September 26th, quoting the report of Superintendent Marble, I have the honor to say as follows:

The buildings therein alluded to in Sixty-seventh street between Second and Third avenues, which is suggested as avail-

able for rental for temporary accommodation for P. S. 82, appears to be a large building erected for the Turn Verein, now used as a Central Opera House and owned by Mr. Jacob Ruppert. This gentleman declines to rent the building, but offers it for sale. I presume, however that purchase of it is not what is contemplated in the Borough Superintendent's communication.

As for the improvement of the premises belonging to the Board of Education adjoining P. S. 82, as an annex to that school, said premises consist of a lot 25 x 100 feet situated at 337 East Seventieth street, and adjoining the west side line of P. S. 82, upon this lot, there are two buildings, a tenement house on the front of the lot, 25 feet wide by 60 feet deep and five stories high, with a cellar; also a rear house 25 feet wide and 25 feet deep, two stories high, with cellar. The rear house should be removed and the cellar filled up, making the space occupied by it available for yard space.

The front building being above the limit of height allowed by the Building Department for combustible buildings used for school purposes, I would recommend that the two upper stories should be removed, a new roof built above the third story, leaving three stories available for classrooms, and upon each story two classrooms—one in front and one in the rear, making six in all. In the middle of the building, between the classrooms, a fireproof stairs should be built from the yard to the roof.

This work, together with the necessary renovation and incidental work of enclosing the yard, etc., would cost in the neighborhood of $9,400, and would constitute a permanent improvement.

Some months would be necessary, however, to carry out this improvement. For immediate use there is space in the fifth story of the school building itself, formerly occupied by the janitor's rooms, from which the partitions might be removed and the space fitted up as a classroom, at a cost of about $150, within the space of four or five weeks.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. Robinson,

Dep'ty Sup't of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

Mr. ADAMS moved that the Borough Board request the Board of Education to alter the premises No. 337 East Seventieth street, belonging to the Board, and adjoining on the west line of P. S. 82, for school purposes as soon as possible.

Adopted.

Consideration of offers to rent premises:

1. Corner store, S. W. corner One hundred and sixty-first street and Brook avenue (see Mr. Jasper and Mr. Morgan's reports on Minutes, p. 341);

2. House, corner One hundred and sixty-fifth street and Union avenue (see Mr. Jasper and Mr. Morgan's reports on Minutes, pp. 342 and 343);

3. Nos. 916 and 918 Brook avenue, stores (see Mr. Jasper and Mr. Robinson's reports on Minutes, pp. 343 and 344);

4. Stores, corners of One hundred and sixty-seventh and One hundred and sixty-ninth streets at their junction with the Fox estate (see Mr. Jasper and Mr. Morgan's reports on Minutes, pp. 344 and 345).

In connection with the above four named offers, Mr. ADAMS moved that the Committee on Finance of the School Board, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, be requested to advise this Committee whether some means cannot be devised for the renting of premises in congested districts until such time as permanent accommodation can be supplied for the children.

Adopted.

The consideration of the following-named applications was laid over to await reports from Mr. J. B. Robinson, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings:

1. P. S. 144. Miss Loss, Principal, to have room No. 2 fitted up as a Principal's office (Minutes, p. 345);

2. P. S. 144. Miss Loss, Principal, to have room No. 8 fitted up as a book room (Minutes, p. 346);

3. P. S. 16. Recommendation of Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, that a class-room be fitted up on the ground floor in the northeast corner of the building (Minutes, p. 346).

Public School 15.—From the School Inspector of the Eighth District, urging that additional school accommodation be provided.

The Clerk was instructed to notify the Inspectors that no action can be taken at the present for want of financial ability.

From Miss Sophia J. Nicolai, Supervisor of Physical Culture, for permission to use the gymnasium of Public School 1, on Wednesday afternoon of each week during the winter from 3:30 to 5 o'clock P. M., in order to give gymnastic instruction to the male teachers in that section of the City.

A communication was received from the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, recommending the matter to the favorable consideration of the Committee.

Mr. ADAMS moved that the request of Miss Nicolai be granted.

Adopted.

Annex to Boys' High School.—P. S. 47 IN EAST TWENTY-THIRD STREET.—From the Committee on High Schools, requesting that the premises be altered and fitted up for use as an Annex to the High School.

Ordered, That the Committee be notified that the work will be done when the funds are available.

Nos. 244 and 246 East Fifty-Second Street.—From the Committee on High Schools calling attention to the need of repairs in the Annex to the Girls' High School.

Ordered, That the Committee be notified that the work will be done when the funds are available.

New Public School 44.—Mr. O'BRIEN moved to report to the Board confirming the action of the chairman in authorizing the appointment of Henry M. Gogerty, No. 223 East Twenty-fourth street as temporary watchman, taking effect on October 14, 1899,

at rate of wages of $50 per month, said appointment having been made from the eligible list.

Adopted.

From the Superintendent of School Buildings, as follows:

NEW YORK, *October* 17, 1899.

Mr. THOMAS E. BUSSEY,
Acting Secretary, School Board,
Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

DEAR SIR: The bill of the First Presbyterian Church of Tremont, amounting to $208.33, for rent of premises One hundred and seventy-fourth street and Washington avenue during the month of January, 1899, has been returned from the Comptroller's office.

The lease of the premises expired on January 1, 1899, but as all the property belonging to the Board of Education was not removed before the first of February, the bill was approved by the Committee on Buildings and forwarded to the Comptroller for payment.

In returning the bill the Comptroller states that it cannot be paid until approved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and I therefore think it should first be approved by the Borough Board and go to the Central Board in the usual way.

Respectfully,
C. B. J. SNYDER,
Superintendent of School Buildings.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the communication be referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson for report as to why the school furniture was not removed from the church premises before the expiration of the lease.

Adopted.

Public School 162.—From Charles F. Norton, Janitor, asking that he be excused for absence from 9 o'clock A. M., to 1 o'clock P. M., on October 6th.

Granted with pay.

From the Secretary of the Board of Education with reference to donating to the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, No. 251 West 14th St., desks and seats for the accommodation of three hundred children, upon the certification of the School Board that they are no longer required for school purposes.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson for report.

Public School 44—From Thos. E. Bussey, Secretary of the Borough Board, submitting copies of correspondence with the Civil Service Commission, in which said commission declines to attach its certificate to the claim of Mrs. Mary Moran, for services as acting janitress of P. S. 44, October 22 to November 4, 1898, amounting to $32.82, and suggesting that the Corporation Counsel be communicated with to ascertain if he can devise some means to secure payment for the services rendered.

The Secretary was directed to communicate with the Corporation Counsel as suggested by said commission.

Evening School 75—From Frederick Meyer, janitor, requesting that his salary be increased from $2.25 to $3.25 per night; together with a communication from the Acting Secretary of the Borough Board bearing on the same subject.

Referred to Borough Superintendent Jasper for report.

Public Schools 43, 45 and 144—From Dr. Jenny B. Merrill, Supervisor of Kindergartens, for permission to hold kindergarten conferences as follows:

P. S.	43	on November	3d.
"	154	"	13th.
"	45	"	14th.

Granted.

Public School 6—Mrs. Annie L. Jessup, Supervisor of Sewing, for permission to hold a conference with teachers of sewing on the first Friday of every month at 3:30 o'clock P.M.

Granted.

Public School 72—From George W. Thatcher, Janitor, requesting that his absence of 2½ hours on October 24th be excused, he having been summoned to court.

Granted with pay.

Public School 43, P. D.—Mary C. Meehan, Principal, making requisition for linoleum, carpet, blackboard, couch and marble basin.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

From Deputy Superintendent Robinson, submitting his report on the analysis of the quarterly reports of the School Inspectors of the 5th and 21st Districts:

October 25, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: In reply to the Analysis of the Quarterly Report of the Board of Inspectors of the Fifth District, I have the honor to reply as follows:

Public School 13.—There is no objection to compliance with the request that the second floor should be changed to conform to the fourth floor by putting a central corridor through the main room, excepting that the seating accommodation would thereby be diminished and in this locality of the city is of value.

The change requested in the third floor by diminishing the middle room of the three on each side of the corridor is impracticable on account of the arrangement of the windows.

The furniture asked for has been furnished during the summer vacation past.

The water closets in the rear of the old building that are complained of have been removed.

Public School 35.—This building has been entirely renovated and extensive alterations made during the summer vacation, meeting all the objections here mentioned.

The suggestion to rent the Allen Street Presbyterian Church is probably rendered unnecessary by the alterations in P. S. 35 above mentioned, inasmuch as these alterations have given much additional accommodation in this district. The church in question, moreover, is ill lighted and unfit for school purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ROBINSON,

Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

Ordered, That a copy be sent to the Inspector.

October 25, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: In reply to the Analysis of the Quarterly Report of the Board of Inspectors of the Twenty-first District, I have the honor to reply as follows:

At Public School 58, where it is recommended that the ground in the rear, now belonging to the Board of Education be enclosed and a workshop erected, the enclosing has been done the past vacation, but no steps have been taken toward the erection of the workshop, the request for this latter having been denied by resolution of the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

As to the proposed additional staircase in the same school—P. S. 58—the plans and specifications for the same were withdrawn and it has not been erected.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ROBINSON,

Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

Ordered, That a copy of said report be sent to the Inspector.

Public School 22.—From George W. Wade, janitor, asking for a transfer to P. S. 166.

Placed on file, there being no vacancy.

Public School 36.—From Louis Braun, janitor, asking for a transfer to P. S. 173.

Placed on file.

Public School 91.—From John T. Maguire, Principal, giving notice of the death, on October 23, 1899, of George H. Lohsen.

Mr. ADAMS moved that the action of the chairman in notifying the Janitor of P. S. 153, Mr. John Elliott, to take charge of P. S. 91 in addition to his duties in 153, on October 24, 1899, until the appointment of a permanent janitor for said P. S. 91 be approved.

Adopted.

Property Owners Association of Fox Estate and Vicinity, submitting a map of the Fox estate and requesting that a school site be secured in the section.

The CLERK was instructed to notify said association that the Board has no funds at the present time with which to purhase sites or erect school buildings.

Public School 150.—From the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, with reference to renewal of the lease of premises Nos. 316 and 318 East Ninety-sixth street:

October 30, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

In relation to the matter of renewing the lease on 316-318 E. Ninety-sixth street, occupied by P. S. 150, I would say that 1,100 pupils are accommodated in the three leased buildings occupied by this school, and their use cannot be discontinued until other provision is made in the immediate neighborhood for the children of the locality.

There appears to be no question as to the advisability of renewing the lease expiring February 6, 1900.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

Mr. ADAMS moved to recommend to the Board that the lease of the premises in question be renewed for two years from February 8, 1900, with a privilege of a renewal for an additional year.

Adopted.

Public School 65.—From the Borough Superintendent Mr. Jasper, with reference to renting rooms in the Catholic Church at West Farms, as follows:

"I wish to suggest the desirability of renting two rooms in the Catholic Church at West Farms, for the purpose of relieving the overcrowding in P. S. 65. There are at present six part-time classes in this school, ranging from the 1 A. to the 2 B. grade. By the renting of the rooms in question, which are, I understand, well adapted for school purposes, four of the part-time classes of the higher grades may be done away with. I would respectfully recommend that the rooms be hired, provided the Superintendent of School Buildings reports favorable as to their suitability for school purposes."

Referred to Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan for report.

Public School 82.—From the Borough Superintendent Mr. Jasper, recommending the rehiring of the premise No. 446 East Seventy-sixth street:

October 30, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

In relation to the matter of re-hiring the parlor floor of premises 446 East Seventy-second street, used as an annex to P. S. 82, I would report:

The estate, No. 337 East Seventieth street, adjoining P. S. 82, is owned by The City, and, I understand, is intended for an annex to this school, when a new house shall have been erected. On September 26th I made a report to your Committee urging the necessity for additional accommodations for P. S. 82, and suggested the desirability of using the premises 337 East

Seventy-second street for school purposes, provided the Superintendent of School Buildings found such a course practicable. If the use of these premises is determined upon, and the house is made ready for occupancy not later than February 29, 1900, then the lease on 446 East Seventy-second street need not be renewed. Otherwise the lease should be renewed and the premises retained until other provision is made for the children seeking school accommodations in the above school.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

Mr. ADAMS moved to recommend to the Board that the lease be renewed for one year from March 20, 1900.

Adopted.

Public School 57, Annex.—From the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, with reference to renewing lease of premises No. 162 East One hundred and sixteenth street.

"In relation to the matter of renewing the lease on the premises, 116 East One hundred and sixteenth street, I would say that unless other accommodations are found for the children seeking admission to P. S. 57, the continued use of these premises is necessary. The opening of the new school on East One hundred and nineteenth street, P. S. 159, has not relieved the pressure for school accommodations in this vicinity to such an extent that this annex can be done away with."

Mr. ADAMS moved to recommend to the Board that the lease be renewed for two years from February 1, 1900, with privilege of an additional year.

Adopted.

From the Inspectors of the Thirty-second School District relative to the condition of the bells and clocks in the schools of

the district, toilet in P. S. 154, and to provide suitable tables for use in scientific experiments in P. S. 167.

Referred to Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan for report.

From the Acting Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson, reporting an increase of salary for the janitors of the following-named schools, in accordance with the by-laws:

School.	Present Salary.	Increase.	Cause.	Takes Effect.
P. S. 61.	$2,483 00.	$13 00.	5 add'l stoves.	Sept. 11.
P. S. 65.	1,313 00.	26 00.	Incr'ed playroom.	Sept. 11.
P. S. 79.	2,288 00.	13 00.	New workshop.	Sept. 1.
P. S. 100.	754 00.	1,040 00.	Add'l yard pavement.	Sept. 11.

Approved.

Ordered, That the janitors of the schools named be notified, in addition to their present duties, to take charge, on November 1st, of the schools herein referred to, until the appointment of janitors for the last-named schools:

Janitor	P. S.	92	to	care	for	.	.	P. S.	4.
"	"	39	"	"		.	.	"	128.
"	"	29	"	"		.	.	"	44.
"	"	103	"	"		.	.	"	24.
"	"	20	"	"		.	.	"	106.
"	"	162	"	"		.	.	"	112.
"	"	1	"	"		.	.	"	114.
"	"	108	"	"		.	.	"	130.
"	"	86	"	"		.	.	"	150.

Said janitors to be paid the salary of the position, less the rent allowance.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the matter of filling vacancies in the positions of janitors be referred to the Chairman, with power.

Adopted.

Public School 9.—From James B. Stewart, offer to sell the property on West End avenue, adjoining P. S. 9, size 20 feet by 100 feet, for the sum of $15,000, approved by the Superintendent of School Buildings and the Borough Superintendent.

Placed on file.

THOMAS E. BUSSEY,
Acting Secretary.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, met at No. 146 Grand street, this day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Esq., Chairman, and Messrs. O'BRIEN and ROGERS—3.

The matter of filling vacancies in the position of janitors of the public schools was taken up.

The following transfers were agreed upon:

Thomas F. Hughes from P. S. 151 to P. S. 91, to take effect November 17th.

Richard G. Cashman, from P. S. 180 to P. S. 151, to take effect November 17th.

George Bladon, from P. S. 50 to P. S. 150, to take effect November 8th.

The following appointments were made from a list of persons nominated by J. B. Robinson, Acting Superintendent of School Buildings, named from the Civil Service list:

William Fisher, P. S. 44,	Take effect	Nov.	8th.
Eugene Cashdollar, P. S. 38,	"	"	"
George F. Brennan, P. S. 128,	"	"	"
John Dunn, P. S. 50,	"	"	"
James Kavanagh, P. S. 180,	"	"	Nov. 17th.
George Morgan, P. S. 24,	"	"	Nov. 13th.
William H. Blauvelt, P. S. 106,	"	"	Nov. 8th.
Thomas F. Roche, P. S. 130,	"	"	"

There being three vacancies in the position of Janitor, P. S. 4, 112 and 114, the Secretary was instructed to request the Superintendent of School Buildings to submit to the School Board the names of competent persons to fill said vacancies.

Public School 151.—From Mrs. Agnes O'Brien, Principal, Cornelius F. McCahill and David Barnicle, complaint against Thomas F. Hughes, Janitor, (Minutes pp. 271, 272, 283, 289, 290, 306, 317, 330 and 352).

The Committee having decided to transfer Mr. Hughes from P. S. 151 to P. S. 91, the complaint was placed on file.

Relative to the Salaries of Janitors. — Communications from Mr. Bussey, Acting Secretary of the School Board, and Mr. Snyder, Superintendent of School Buildings. (Minutes, pp. 321, 334 and 352.)

The consideration of the matter was laid over.

Public School 144.—From Miss Loss, Principal, requesting that room No. 2 be fitted up as a Principal's Office, and room No. 8 as a book room. (Minutes, pp. 345, 346 and 354.)

Mr. Robinson, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, reported that room No. 2 is too valuable as a classroom to be fitted up as a Principal's room; also, that room No. 8, which is not used as a classroom, is large enough to form both Principal's office and a storage room for books and supplies by placing partitions in suitable locations, and can be partitioned off, the cost not to exceed $100.

The recommendation of Mr. Robinson was approved.

Public School 16.—From the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, recommending that a classroom be fitted up on the ground floor in the northeast corner of the building. (Minutes, pp. 346, 354.)

Mr. Robinson, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, reported: "The room in question is already in existence and

does not require to be separated by means of new partitions * * * necessary alterations can be made for about $115, and room can be fitted up with second-hand furniture at a cost of about $25."

The report of Mr. Robinson was approved.

From the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, for permission to hold teachers' classes between the hours of 3.30 and 4.30 P.M., in the following buildings, on the dates indicated:

Public Schools 1, 13, 147, 42, 19, 41, 28 and 27.—On November 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29; December 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 1899; January 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29 and 31, 1900.

Public Schools 94, 76, 37, 39, 95, 43 and 90.—On November 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30; December 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 1899; and January 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, and February 1, 1900; also, to hold teachers' classes in P. S. 6 from 9 A.M. to 12 M., on the following Saturdays: November 18, 25; December 2, 9, 16, 23, 1899, and January 13, 20, 27; February 3, 1900.

Ordered, That the request of the Borough Superintendent be granted and that the janitors of the schools named be duly notified.

Evening School 75.—From Thos. E Bussey, Acting Secretary, with reference to salary to be paid Mr. Frederick Meyer, janitor. (Minutes p. 357).

Laid over, to be considered when Mr. Jasper submits his report.

Public School 65.—From Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, recommending that two rooms in the Catholic Church at West Farms be rented. (Minutes, p. 361).

Laid over, to be considered when Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan submits his report.

Public School 81.—Bill of Wm. J. Oliver, for services as acting Janitor during the month of October, amounting to $153.

Ordered, To recommend to the Board that the bill be paid.

From Mrs. Dora Mass, offering to rent the property on the block bounded by Fulton avenue, Union avenue and One hundred and sixty-fifth street, upon which there are three buildings.

Referred to Mr. Jasper for report.

Hebrew Technical Institute.—From Sallie T. Bloom, Secretary, requesting that the Assembly room of No. 267 Henry street, occupied as a kindergarten for P. S. 2, be surrendered to the Institute.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the room referred to, was occupied as a branch of P. S. 2. without expense to the City.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent for report.

Public School 1.—From the Board of Examiners of the Board of Education, for permission to use one of the two upper floors of P. S. 1, on Saturday morning, November 11th, for the purpose of holding an examination of applicants for license as substitute teacher.

Granted.

Public School 89, Annex.—From Mr. J. B. Robinson, Acting Superintendent of School Buildings, reporting that the annex Nos. 58 and 60 West One hundred and thirty-fifth street, recently rented, being some distance from the school the measurements for salary have to be figured separately which entitle the janitor of P. S. 89, to a minimum salary of $533 per annum to take effect September 1, 1899.

Approved, and to be reported to the Board with a recommendation that the by-laws be suspended.

Public School 103.—From J. B. Robinson, Acting Superintendent of School Buildings, fixing the salary of the janitor at the following rates, taking effect October 24, 1899, by reason of a dynamo and engine having been recently placed in the building:

Present Salary.	Increase.	Total.
$3,510.	$169.	$3,679.

Approved.

From Deputy Superintendent Robinson, submitting an analysis of the quarterly report of the Inspectors of the 13th School District as follows:

October 30, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

GENTLEMEN: In reply to the report of the Inspectors of the Thirteenth District, I have the honor to say:

PUBLIC SCHOOL 11.—The work upon the stairs of this school has been much delayed by the difficulty of obtaining iron, all concerns producing that material being, as is well known, so pressed with work that it is impossible for them to turn out their orders promptly, and although productive of some discomfort, and although the continuation of this work renders it difficult to keep the school as clean as it might otherwise be kept, there need not be any apprehension of danger for the following reasons:

The exits from this building are five in number, all of which have been in use since the day of opening the school; the main stairs have not been used, but the main entrance doors have been in constant use.

In addition to the above a large yard on the westerly side of the school opens directly on the street through a large gateway; outside iron stairs on each side of the building extend from the top floor with doors at each floor; there are also two stone stairs at the rear, one from the 4th and one from the 3rd story to the ground floor, and two enclosed iron stairs from the first story to second story—one at each side of the building.

With such provision of stairs danger is not apprehended. Moreover, the alterations include the building of fireproof partitions and of a fireproof floor in the first story to the main stairs, rendering it practically fireproof.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 55.—This building stands in a neighborhood which is in a process of building up, with stores, factories and other business buildings replacing the dwellings that formerly stood there; as a result the school is no longer in the center of population, and it would be advisable, when possible, to erect a building on a site further to the west.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. ROBINSON,
Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

Ordered, That a copy of said report be submitted to the Inspectors.

From Deputy Superintendent Robinson, submitting an analysis of the quarterly report of the Inspectors of the 22d District, as follows:

October 30, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: In reply to the reports of the Inspectors of the 22d District, I have the honor to state:

Public School 70—With regard to the request for additional accommodations, the premises in the rear of this school is the fourth on the list of sites which will be improved as soon as funds are available.

Public School 158—The matter of water supply for the high pressure boiler has been rectified as stated by the Inspectors, by installing an automatic apparatus, which removes the possibility of danger.

The iron fence will be placed around the school as soon as funds for the purpose are available.

The Department of Highways has been repeatedly requested to pave these streets with asphalt, but so far without result.

Public School 117—The property on the west of this school and adjoining, which is suggested for a Kindergarten, is the property of Mr. Jacob Schiff and is occupied by him as a stable; the building is for sale, but is said to be on leased ground. If the building could be acquired it might either be available as a Kindergarten, or it might be torn down and the lot used for a playground; and to insure the continuation of light and air which would be cut off from the six classrooms if a high apartment house were built upon this lot.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ROBINSON,
Dep'ty Sup't of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

Ordered, That a copy of said report be transmitted to the Inspectors.

From J. B. Robinson, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, with reference to salaries paid janitors placed, temporarily, in charge of other buildings, and their classification under the Civil Service rules, as follows:

November 6, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings,
Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx:

GENTLEMEN: This morning a Committee of the Janitors' Association called upon me, consisting of the President, Mr. Baxter, Janitor of P. S. 90, Mr. Riordan, Janitor of P. S. 158, and Mr. Brown, Janitor of P. S. 96.

These gentlemen represented to me that they had had a long conference with the officers of the Civil Service Board as to the status of janitors who were placed in charge of other buildings temporarily, and that they had arrived at the conclusion that great difficulty would be encountered in arranging for the payment of those so appointed.

Under the Civil Service rules, janitors are assigned in several classes varying in proportion to the amount of pay:

Class 1, those under $600;

Class 2, between $600 and $900; and so on up to the 7th class, which includes only those who receive in excess of $3,000.

In every case in which the additional pay to be given to a janitor on account of his having been placed in charge of another school brings the total amount of his pay beyond that of the class in which it previously was, and into that of the succeeding class, it appears impossible for him to obtain the additional pay. It is only in the case of the janitors of the 7th class, that is, of those who receive over $3,000, without any higher limit being placed, that it is possible for an additiohal amount to be collected.

The Janitors' Association, through its Committee, therefore, suggests that where it is possible, schools that are temporarily without janitors, should be placed in charge of janitors of the 7th class.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ROBINSON,

Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Borough of Manhattan.

Referred to Mr. McMANNIS.

From Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Robinson, fixing the salaries to be paid to the janitors placed temporarily in charge of new buildings opened September 11, 1899.

Referred to Mr. McMannis for report.

Public School 72.—From George W. Thatcher, janitor, asking to be excused for 3½ hours' absence on October 19th, he having been summoned to court.

Granted with pay.

Public School 47.—From J. B. Robinson, Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, reporting the alterations, etc.,

necessary to be made to make the premises suitable for use as an Annex to the Boys' High School, would cost about $3,800.

Referred to the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Education with the approval of this Committee.

Public School 57.—From Wm. F. McCusker, janitor, asking that his absence for half day on October 25th and half day on October 26th be excused.

Granted with pay.

Public School 65.—From W. H. Booth, Nos. 2137-2139 Boston road, West Farms, offer to rent his Repository with from four to ten lots for an Annex to P. S. 65—no terms stated.

Referred to Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan.

Public School 15.—From the Inspectors of the Eighth School District urging that additional accommodation be provided for P. S. 15. (See Minutes, p. 346.)

The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, reported as follows:

NEW YORK, *Nov.* 6, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

In relation to the communication from the Inspectors of the 8th School District, calling attention to the congested condition of said school district, I would say that there are in the schools of that district at present 57 part-time classes and some refused admissions. This does not seem so formidable, and would not be, if it were not for the fact that nearly seventy tenements are in course of erection in that district—seventeen by actual count in 5th street, between Avenues C and D, the block on which P. S. 15 is situated. If we count but 20 children to a house, 1400 children will have to be provided for within a short space of time. There are no large buildings in the neighborhood which might be utilized for school purposes, hence it becomes necessary to erect additions to the several schools or to provide immediately

a new school building in this section. There seems to be the greatest need in the section bounded by Avenue B on the west, 4th street on the south, Avenue D on the east, and 5th street on the north.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,

Borough Superintendent.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

THOS. E. BUSSEY,

Acting Secretary.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, met at No. 146 Grand street, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. ADAMS, LIVINGSTON and ROGERS—4.

MR. ROGERS moved that the action of the Chairman in making assignment of janitors, to care for school buildings in which the position of janitor is vacant, in addition to their present duties, to receive the additional salary of the school to which they are respectively assigned, less the rent allowance, be, and the same is hereby, approved, to continue until permanent appointments are made.

	School	Took Charge of	Date
Walter Garrigan,	P. S. 88	P. S. 4	Nov. 11
Geo. W. Christian,	P. S. 34	P. S. 110	Nov. 15
Chas. Fehrentz,	P. S. 95	P. S. 24	Nov. 9
Chas. W. Brundage,	P. S. 40	P. S. 50	Nov. 9

Adopted.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that Mr. John Dunn, having declined the appointment of Janitor of P. S. 50, be appointed to the position of janitor of Public School 114 to take effect on November 16th.

Adopted

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that Mr. Sewell T. Hadden be appointed janitor of Public School 4, to take effect November 15th, said name being taken from the eligible list.

Adopted.

MR. ROGERS moved that Mr. John R. Metzger, janitor of P. S. 110, be transferred to the janitorship of P. S. 50, taking effect on November 15, 1899.

Adopted.

Mr. ROGERS moved that the Minutes of October 17th, p. 336, sixth line from bottom of the page 336, be corrected by striking out "P. S. 53" and inserting "P. S. 58"; also Minutes of October 30th, p. 363, thirteenth line from top of the page, by striking out "1040.00" and inserting "286."

Adopted.

N. Y. Training School.—Mr. A. S. Downing, Principal, requesting that a telephone and district messenger call be placed on the fourth floor of P. S. 159.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies.

Thomas Paine Association.—For permission to hold sessions of boys of the East Side, attendants and graduates of public schools, in a school in the vicinity of No. 174 Stanton street for literary purposes, on Saturday evenings.

Denied.

Public School 123.—From Miss Adelaide Haight, Principal, notice that the pupils had been transferred to Public School 157, at St. Nicholas avenue and One hundred and twenty-sixth street (Dated November 9th), and that P. S. 123 is now vacant.

Referred to the Acting Secretary for report.

Public School 151.—Complaint against Thomas F. Hughes, janitor, by Mrs. Agnes O'Brien, Principal, Cornelius F. McCahill and David Barnicle (Minutes, pp. 271, 272, 283, 289, 290, 306, 317, 330, 352 and 366).

Ordered, That said complaint be stricken from the Calendar, Mr. Hughes having been transferred to P. S. 91 at Highbridge, taking effect November 17, 1899, for cause.

Mr. Hughes was present and informed of the decision of the Committee.

Relative to Salaries of Janitors—See communication from the Acting Secretary, Mr. Bussey, and Mr. Snyder. (Minutes, pp. 321, 334, 352 and 366.)

The consideration of the matter was laid over.

Evening School 75.—From Frederick Meyer, Janitor, requesting that his salary be increased from $2.25 to $3.25 per night; together with a communication from the Acting Secretary of the Borough Board bearing on the subject. (Minutes, p. 357.)

Laid over, to be considered upon receipt of report from the Borough Superintendent.

Public School 65.—From Borough Superintendent Jasper, recommending that two rooms in the Catholic Church at West Farms be rented. (Minutes, pp. 361 and 367.)

Laid over, to be considered upon receipt of report of Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan.

Public School 65.—From W. H. Booth, Nos. 2137 and 2139 Boston Road, West Farms, offer to rent his repository with from four to ten lots for an annex to P. S. 65. No terms stated. (Minutes, p. 373.)

Laid over, to be considered upon receipt of report of Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan.

From Mrs. Dora Maas, offer to rent property, consisting of three houses, on block bounded by Fulton avenue, Union avenue and One hundred and sixty-fifth street.

Referred to Borough Superintendent Jasper for report.

Hebrew Technical Institute—P. S. 2.—Requesting that the rooms in No. 267 Henry street, occupied as a Kindergarten for P. S. 2, be surrendered to the institute, (Minutes, p. 368.)

Laid over, to be considered upon receipt of report from the Borough Superintendent.

Public School 15.—From the School Inspectors of the Eighth District, urging that additional accommodation be provided for P. S. 15. (Minutes, pp. 346, 373.) See Mr. Jasper's report, p. 373.

Laid over, for consideration upon receipt of a report from Acting Superintendent Robinson.

The absences of the following-named janitors were excused with pay:

P. S. 72, Geo. W. Thatcher, 3½ h., Oct. 19.
P. S. 37, Gantio Alexander, 3 h., Sept. 26.

Public School 142.—Louis Fricke, Janitor, for leave of absence of three hours on November 25.

Granted, with pay.

Public School 11.—James O'Donnell, making a complaint against the janitor.

Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. Campbell, the janitor, to be notified to attend the next session.

Public School 27.—Complaint of Mrs. A. McLaughlin, against the janitor, for non-payment of wages.

Mrs. McLaughlin and Mr. Stainbridge to be notified to attend the next session.

Public School 77.—Miss Matilda B. Lemlein, Principal, requesting that the premises, No. 407 East Eighty-fourth street, consisting of three stories and a basement, be rented for three years at a yearly rental of $600.

Referred to Borough Superintendent Jasper and Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

From Our Animal Protective League, for permission to use a classroom of Public School 14, on Friday afternoons, for club-work among the children.

Denied.

Public Schools 20 and 35.—From the Public Education Association, surrendering the privilege of using rooms and playgrounds in said schools.

Ordered, That the janitors of said schools be notified.

From the Borough Superintendent, to grant Miss Sophie J. Nicolai, Supervisor of Physical Education, use of schools for conferences, as follows:

NEW YORK, *November* 13, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.

Miss Sophie J. Nicolai, Supervisor of Physical Education, has submitted the following program of conferences with teachers under her direction:

P. S. 157. (Mondays). November 20, 27; December 4, 11, 18; January 8, 15, 22 and 29.

P. S. 137. (Tuesdays). November 21, 28; December 5, 12, 19; January 9, 16, 23 and 30.

P. S. 72. (Wednesdays). November 15, 22, 29; December 6, 13, 20; January 10, 17, 24 and 31.

P. S. 61. (Thursdays). November 16, 23, 30; December 7, 14, 21; January 11, 18, 25, and February 1.

This arrangement has been found to be the most convenient for the teachers who are expected to attend. I would respectfully ask that the necessary steps be taken to have the four buildings designated open from 3:30 to 4:30 P.M. on the days mentioned.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

THOMAS E. BUSSEY,
Acting Secretary.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board of the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, met at No. 146 Grand street, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—MORRIS E. STERNE, Chairman, and Messrs. LIVINGSTON, O'BRIEN and ROGERS—4.

Public School 27.—From Mrs. A. McLaughlin, complaining that Mr. Frederick Stainbridge, Janitor, had failed to pay her wages.

Mr. Stainbridge was present and heard, after which the complaint was dismissed.

Public School 11.—From James O'Donnell, making complaint against Wm. F. Campbell, Janitor, for permitting the boys to annoy his tenants in the adjoining houses.

Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. Campbell were present and heard.

The Clerk was instructed to invite the following named teachers of P. S. 11 to be present at the next meeting: John H. Grotecloss, Jr., Principal, and Messrs. James A. O'Donnell, Edward R. Maguire and William Slavik.

Relative to Salaries of Janitors.—See communications from the Acting Secretary, Mr. Bussey, and Mr. Snyder (Minutes, pp. 321, 334, 352, 366 and 377).

The consideration of the matter was laid over.

Public School 65.—From the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, recommending that two rooms in the Catholic church at West Farms be rented for the relief of P. S. 65 (See Mr. Jasper's recommendation on page 361 of the Minutes).

The Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Mr. Morgan, reported: "The rooms are not in good repair, and for this reason and the low ceiling, also lack of closet accommodation, I do not consider them suitable for school uses. These premises were inspected about a year ago and the report was unfavorable."

Mr. ROGERS moved that the recommendation of Mr. Jasper, Borough Superintendent, be rejected.

Adopted.

Public School 65.—From W. H. Booth, Nos. 2137 and 2139 Boston avenue, West Farms; offering to rent his Repository and from four to ten lots for an annex to P. S. 65. (Minutes, p. 373.)

To be considered upon receipt of report of Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan.

From Mrs. Dora Maas, offering to sell or rent property consisting of three houses and grounds on block bounded by Fulton avenue, Union avenue and One hundred and sixty-fifth street for the relief of P. S. 90.

To be considered upon receipt of report of the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper.

Public School 2.—From the Hebrew Technical Institute, requesting that the assembly room of the premises No. 267 Henry street, which was tendered the Board, free of charge, for Kindergarten purposes, about one year ago, and accepted, until such time as the Technical School might require the rooms for its own use, be again placed at the service of the Institute without much delay.

The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, reported: "That Associate Superintendent Davis has investigated the matter of providing accommodations for the children affected by this communication, and reports that he has inspected the rooms of the Children's Aid Society, opposite P. S. 147, and believes, although not authorized to commit the society, that proper accommodations can be secured there for the children. I would therefore recommend that steps be taken to rent two rooms from the officials of the Children's Aid Society, if such a course is deemed practicable by your committee."

Mr. ROGERS—That this Committee recommend to the Board that steps be taken to rent the rooms in question from the Children's Aid Society.

Adopted.

Public School 15.—From the Inspectors of the Eighth District, urging that additional accommodation be provided for the relief of this school. (See Mr. Jasper's report, p. 373.)

Deputy Superintendent Robinson submitted the following report:

November 20, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings,
Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

GENTLEMEN: In reply to the communication from the Inspectors of the Eighth District, and the report of the Borough Superintendent accompanying, complaining of the congested condition of the district in the neighborhood of Public School 15, permit me to state as follows:

The site, Nos. 112–114–116 Sheriff street, between Stanton and Houston streets, and adjoining Public School 22, is now the property of the city and available for the construction of an addition to said school No. 22. It is not, however, quite so near the region in question as might be desired. Another site was formerly approved, adjoining Public School 15, consisting of the

lots Nos. 327 to 337 East Fourth street, and of a single lot, No. 722 East Fifth street; this site, however, has not been acquired and condemnation proceedings have been suspended.

There is another desirable site comprising an entire block of land, and bounded by Fourth street, Manhattan street, Lewis street, East Houston and Stanton streets, and about 200 feet square, which would be a very desirable situation for a new school in this part of the city. This site, however, is not the property of the city, and condemnation proceedings with regard to it have been suspended.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ROBINSON,

Dep'ty Sup't of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

The consideration of the matter was laid over.

Public School 77.—From Miss M. B. Lemlein, Principal requesting that the premises No. 407 East 84th street, be rented for the relief of said school.

The clerk was instructed to notify Miss Lemlein that the consideration of the matter of renting additional school premises cannot be considered until the year 1900, for want of the necessary funds.

From C. M. Morgan, Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, submitting analysis of quarterly reports of the Inspectors of the 32d, 33d and 34th Districts.

Ordered, That copies of the reports be submitted to the Inspectors.

Public School 126.—Miss H. Louise Clark, Principal, reporting the janitor for not properly cleaning the building.

The clerk was instructed to notify the Principal and the janitor to be present at the next session of the Committee.

Board of Education.—Returning the request made by the School Board to rent No. 1626 First avenue, the same having been rented; also the Sunday-School room of St. John's German Lutheran Church, Fulton avenue and One hundred and sixty-ninth and One hundred and seventieth streets, for want of funds.

Placed on file.

University Settlement Society, No. 184 Eldridge St.—Offering the use of a room for cooking classes for P. S. 20, without expense to the Board.

Referred to the Borough Superintendent, and that receipt of the offer be acknowledged.

Finance Committee.—From Hon. Joseph J. Kittel, Chairman, in reply to the requst of this Committee for advice as to whether some means cannot be devised for the renting of premises in congested districts, stating that the fund from which rents are paid is under the control of the Board of Education, and if that fund is exhausted, additional property cannot be rented unless a transfer from some other account is made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. The Finance Committee of this Board cannot certify as to balances in the appropriations made to the Board of Education.

Ordered, That said communication be placed on file.

Mr. John R. Metzger, who was recently transferred from the position of janitor of P. S. 110 to a similar position in P. S. 50, taking effect on Nov. 15, 1899, appeared before the Committee and declined the position and made a request that he be restored to duty in his old school, P. S. 110.

Mr. Metzger appeared before the Committee.

Mr. Rogers moved that Mr. Metzger be again appointed janitor of P. S. 110, taking effect on November 21, 1899, and that the matter be reported to the Board for approval.

Adopted.

Public School 37.—The Chairman reported that on November 9, 1899, he had excused the absence of Gantio Alexander, janitor, for 3 hours, subpœnaed to court, with pay.

Approved.

The Chairman reported the assignment of janitors made by him to care for schools where vacancies exist, in addition to the duties assigned to them in their regular position.

Nov. 16. Chas. W. Brundage, janitor P. S. 40, to care for P. S. 50, Mr. John R. Metzger having declined to be transferred to P. S. 50.

Nov. 17. Walter Garrigan, janitor P. S. 88, to care for P. S. 4, Mr. Samuel T. Hedden having declined an appointment in P. S. 4, on account of the locality.

Nov. 17. E. H. Terwilliger, janitor P. S. 1, to care for P. S. 114, John Dunn having declined an appointment in P. S. 114 on account of the small salary.

Mr. O'Brien moved that the action of the Chairman be approved, and that the matter be reported to the Board.

Adopted.

The Chairman stated that he had approved the following application from the Borough Superintendent on November 17, 1899:

New York, *November* 16, 1899.

Hon. Morris E. Sterne,
Chairman Committee on Buildings.

Dear Sir: Permission is hereby requested to hold the Teachers' Classes scheduled for the following dates:

Nov. 20, 22, 27, 29, Dec. 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, Jan. 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31, in P. S. No. 32, instead of in P. S. No. 28. The reason for the desired change is that the arrangement for lighting the assembly room of P. S. No. 32 is much more satisfactory than in the case of No. 28. The room is also much larger and

it is found that the Teachers' Classes will be so large as to make the change necessary.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

Ordered, That the action of the Chairman be approved.

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that a communication be addressed to the Municipal Civil Service Commission, asking them to set a date upon which an examination can be had for the classification of public school janitors recently transferred.

Adopted.

THOMAS E. BUSSEY,
Acting Secretary.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1899.

The Committee on Sites and Buildings of the School Board, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx, met at No. 146 Grand street, this day, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present—Messrs. LIVINGSTON, O'BRIEN and ROGERS—3.

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. ROGERS was called to the Chair.

The Minutes of the meetings held October 30th, November 6th, 13th and 20th, 1899, as printed, were approved.

Public School 65.—From W. H. Booth, Nos. 2137-2139 Boston Road, West Farms, offers to rent his repository, with from four to ten lots, for an Annex to P. S. 65. (Minutes, pp. 373 and 382.)

Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan reported as follows:

NEW YORK, *November* 21, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

GENTLEMEN: With reference to a communication from Mr. W. H. Booth, of 2137-2139 Boston Road, West Farms, to Superintendent Jasper, dated November 1, 1899, offering his carriage repository building for rental as an Annex to Public School 65, I beg to report that on November 11th I visited these premises.

The building is a two-story frame structure exceptionally well constructed, 38x80 feet and adjoining the southern boundary of

Bronx Park, situated at the corner of Boston Road and One hundred and eighty-first street.

The owner includes the use of a portion of the vacant lots averaging 65x125 feet at the rear of the building for playground uses and will level and grade them to suit; also he will build steps from the basement to the yard.

The basement is 10½, first story 11½ and second story 11 feet in height. A girder supported by wooden posts runs longitudinally through the building. Walls and ceilings in first and second stories are ceiled with yellow pine; floors are in good condition. A wagon elevator near the centre of the building the owner offers to remove and continue the floor over the openings.

There is abundant light on three sides, but some additional windows will be needed on the south. Stairways 3½ feet wide extend from basement to second floor. Four classrooms could be formed on first floor and five on second floor, leaving sufficient space for hallways, wardrobes, supply closets, teachers' room, etc.

There is at present no heat in the building, but a flue for boiler is provided and a hot water system could be installed at moderate cost. Gas is not yet introduced into the building and no sewers are built in the street.

In addition to grading yard and building steps at rear from basement and filling up openings in floors, the owner offers to enclose yard with a seven foot high board fence, build two fire escapes, one at side and one at rear, introduce water into the building, pay water tax and keep roof in repair.

The Board of Education to make all other alterations required, which, including gas and heating will cost about $2,500.

This building would make a very desirable Annex to Public School 65. The owner offers to lease the premises for three years, with privilege of renewal, at an annual rental of $2,000.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. MORGAN,

Acting Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Borough of The Bronx.

Ordered, That said report be placed on file.

Public School 90.—From Mrs. Dora Maas, offering to sell or rent property consisting of houses and grounds on block bounded by Fulton avenue, Union avenue and One hundred and sixty-fifth street for the relief of P. S. 90.

Borough Superintendent JASPER reported:

NEW YORK, *Dec.* 4, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings, School Board, Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

With reference to the communication from Mrs. F. W. Maas, 977 East One hundred and sixty-fifth street, offering certain buildings for school purposes, I would say that the matter of school accommodations in the neighborhood in question is of grave importance. In P. S. 90, P. D., there are twenty part-time classes, whilst in the Grammar Department every class is congested. In P. S. 61 and P. S. 133 there are fourteen part-time classes—eight in the former and six in the latter.

I would recommend that these buildings be hired, if possible, under the building laws, until such time as a building can be erected to accommodate the present and growing needs of this section. On October 11, 1899, I made a report in favor of securing other premises offered to your Committee by Mrs. Maas.

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

The consideration of the matter was laid over.

Public School 15.—From the School Inspectors of the Eighth District, urging that additional accommodation be provided for the relief of P. S. 15 (see Mr. Jasper's report on p. 373 and Mr. Robinson's report on p. 383 of the Minutes).

The consideration of the matter was laid over.

University Settlement Society.—Offer of the use of a room in their building, No. 184 Eldridge street, for a cooking class for children of P. S. 20.

The Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, reported as follows:

NEW YORK, *December* 6, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

In relation to the offer of the University Settlement Society of New York to grant the use of a room, free of charge, for instruction in cooking I would say that according to the statement of the Society, the room will accommodate but twenty pupils.

By a recent amendment of the By-Laws of the School Board, the limitation of classes to the size of thirty has been removed, the purpose of such amendment being to permit the instruction of an entire class at one lesson. It was found that the regular instruction of a class was disorganized by the withdrawal of a portion of the class from instruction to enable it to receive the special lesson in cooking. Under the circumstances, it would be inadvisable to accept the offer of the University Settlement Society, because the result would be a return to the same condition as we found objectionable before the amendment was passed.

Very Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,

Borough Superintendent.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved, that in view of the report as made by Mr. Jasper, the offer be rejected and the society be so notified.

Adopted.

Public School 133, Annex.—Consideration of the offer of George Trembeyer, submitting a plan of a two story wooden building, 32 x 80 feet, containing eight classrooms, which he proposes to erect at No. 854 Caldwell avenue near One hundred and sixtieth street, for a term of five years or more at an annual rental of $5,000.

Acting Deputy Superintendent Morgan reported "as the new building code will be in operation December 23, 1899, which prohibits the erection of frame structures inside the boundary of

the new fire limits, it would be impossible to accept the offer. The rental asked is excessive."

The offer was rejected.

Public School 164.—From Alfred A. Jackson, calling attention to the condition of the streets in front of P. S. 164.

Referred to the Department of Public Works.

Evening School 75.—From Frederick Meyer, Janitor, asking that his salary as Janitor of E. S. 75 be increased from $2.25 to $2.75 per night.

Borough Superintendent Jasper reported as follows:

NEW YORK, *November* 20, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings:

In relation to the case of Frederick Meyer, Janitor of Evening School 75, referred to me for report, I would say that Evening School 75 is what was known as the English Department of Evening School 7 last year. It would seem, therefore, that the spirit of the By-Laws would require that Mr. Meyer be paid on the basis of the average attendance of the department referred to, rather than the average attendance of the Evening High School which was located at P. S. 75 last year. The average attendance of the English Department of Evening School 7 during the last year was 380, which would fix the salary of Mr. Meyer at $2.25 per night. (Section 104, By-Laws)

Respectfully,

JOHN JASPER,
Borough Superintendent.

The consideration of the matter was laid over.

Public School 91.—From Thomas F. Hughes, Janitor, asking that his absence from school on November 21st and 22d, caused through illness, be excused.

Laid over, for receipt of certificate.

Public School 1.—From E. H. Terwilliger, Janitor, for permission to reside at No. 134 Henry street.

Granted.

Public School 110.—From John R. Metzger, Janitor, notice of his removal from No. 71 to 65 Broome street, at a rental within the old allowance, $221 per annum.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Public School 94.—Morris Gumprecht, Janitor, requesting that he be allowed additional compensation for use of the school building for the holding of Teachers' conferences.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Annex Boys' High School (P. S. 47).—From Cornelius Clifford, Janitor, asking for an increase in his rent allowance.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson for report.

From Anna C. Ruddy, Superintendent of the "Home Garden," offering the use of the parlor floor of No. 322 Pleasant avenue, for a kindergarten, either for a small rental or free of charge.

Referred to Borough Superintendent Jasper.

Public School 103.—From J. W. Smith, Janitor, to be excused for absence on the afternoon of November 28th, to attend the funeral of Hugh P. O'Neil, late Principal, approved by the Chairman.

Granted, with pay.

Public School 69.—From the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, with reference to furnishing two new rooms recently fitted up in the school, recommending that the furniture now in

rooms 7 and 8 be put in the two new rooms, and that rooms 7 and 8 be equipped with grammar furniture.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Public School 123.—From Wm. McMannis, Engineer Assistant to Superintendent of School Buildings, with reference to the employment of Chas. H. Roberts, Janitor P. S. 123, said school having been transferred to P. S. 157.

Mr. McMannis reports that Mr. Roberts was ineligible for the position of Janitor of P. S. 24, now vacant, the Steam Boiler Inspection and Engineer Bureau of the Police Department refusing to issue him a permit; also that Mr. Roberts declined the position of Janitor of P. S. 112, now vacant.

Referred to Borough Superintendent Jasper.

From Leopold Weil, offer to sell the Temple Israel of Harlem, on the northwest corner of Fifth avenue and One hundred and twenty-fifth street.

Ordered, That said communication be placed on file.

No. 407 East 84th St.—From Borough Superintendent Jasper, adverse to renting the premises for use as an annex to P. S. 77.

Ordered, That said report be placed on file.

Public School 18.—From C. F. Winters, Janitor, asking to be relieved of the care, as Janitor, of Annex to the Girls' High School at Nos. 244 and 246 East Fifty-second street.

Referred to Engineer McMannis for report.

From Deputy Superintendent Robinson, submitting an analysis of the quarterly report of the School Inspectors of the 9th, 21st and 25th Districts:

NEW YORK, *December* 4, 1899.

To the Committee on Sites and Buildings.
Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

GENTLEMEN: With regard to the analysis of the Quarterly Reports of the Board of Inspectors, I have the honor to reply as follows:

NINTH DISTRICT.

Boys' High School.—The ventilation that is requested is practically impossible to accomplish, except at a cost that would be prohibitory; this has already been repeatedly stated in reply to similar complaints.

Girls' High School.—With regard to the ventilation of this gymnasium, orders have been given to have the transom sash over the doors placed on hinges. Order have also been given to have the steam pipes upon the ceiling covered to prevent their giving out too much heat.

As for the alteration of the position of the steam heaters in the hall, the change suggested to place them lower down would not produce the result expected, and the pupils should not be permitted to eat their lunch in so exposed a situation.

Public School 8.—With regard to obtaining the property next door to this school, there are no funds at present available for the purpose of sites.

Public School 21.—The sliding partitions here asked for will shortly be put up; specifications have been written and estimates are now being obtained for the work.

Public School 106.—The repairs to the wall of the playroom and to the roof of the sheds, the damages caused by the Summer School, will be made as soon as funds are available.

The Board of Health has been requested to prevent the inhabitants of the house adjoining the school premises from throwing rubbish into the school yard.

Public School 113.—As for supplying Welsbach burners as here requested, the extreme fragility of these burners has heretofore rendered it inadvisable to use them in school buildings.

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

Public School 69.—The complaint as to the deficient exit from the room in the second story of the new annex has already been looked into. As soon as the present contract is completed it will be possible to take measures to do further work to remedy the defect mentioned.

Public School 125.—The regret here expressed that the partitions recently put in were not made of sliding doors instead of permanent partitions is unnecessary; the room was not available for assembly purposes after the wardrobes had been put in place, as these latter occupied about one-third of the floor space. Moreover, it would have been impossible to find any way to dispose of the sliding doors had such been used.

Shades have been ordered for the windows as here requested.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ROBINSON,
Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings,
Borough of Manhattan.

December 1, 1899.

To The Committee on Sites and Buildings,
Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.

GENTLEMEN: With regard to the analysis of the Quarterly Report of the Board of Inspectors of the Twenty-fifth District, I have the honor to reply as follows:

Public School 165.—

Public School 166.—The complaints here made as to general incompleteness, are due to the fact that the buildings are not yet finished; upon completion these defects will be remedied as fast as possible. Since the report of the Inspectors was made, janitors have been appointed for the new buildings.

With regard to the pianos in Public Schools 165 and 166, new pianos have been ordered, but the providing of them

has been delayed by legal questions as to the contracts therefor.

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. ROBINSON,

Deputy Superintendent of School Buildings, Borough of Manhattan.

Ordered, That copies of said reports be furnished the Inspectors of the districts named.

Public School 81.—Bill of Wm. J. Oliver, for services as Acting Janitor for the month of November, amounting to $153.

Ordered, To recommend to the Board that the bill be paid.

Evening School 23.—From Margaret J. Fitzgerald, Principal, approved by the Borough Superintendent, for permission to use the playground on the evening of January 2, 1900, to be conditioned on the following provisions:

1st. That no expense shall devolve upon either pupils or teachers.

2d. That time shall not be taken from the regular school exercises to prepare for the entertainment.

This request was approved by the Chairman of the Committee, December 7, 1899, upon the conditions above named.

The action of the Chairman was approved.

Public School 125.—From Albert Shiels, Principal, relative to renting the first floor of No. 177 Wooster street, or other suitable premises, for the establishment of a Manual Training department, workshop, kitchen and two classrooms.

Referred to Borough Superintendent Jasper for report.

Public School 10.—From the Inspectors of the Twenty-seventh School Inspection District, requesting that a room be

built at the southeast corner of the playground to enable the Medical Inspectors to pursue their work in privacy.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Inspectors of Twenty-seventh School District, urging the speedy completion of the new school buildings now in course of erection.

Placed on file.

Public School 3.—Joseph Swift, Janitor, for excuse for absence part of the day on December 13th, approved by the Principal.

Granted with pay.

Public School 34.—Geo. W. Christian, Janitor, to be excused for two hours' absence on November 29th, he having been summoned to court.

Granted with pay.

Public School 6.—From Katharine D. Blake, Principal, with reference to granting the janitor additional compensation, for the reason that seventeen rooms are occupied by manual training classes on Saturdays. The classes began November 18th, and will continue weekly through February 3d.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson for report.

Public School 40.—Chas. W. Brundage, Janitor, applying for a rent allowance of $351 per year.

Laid over.

Public School 24.—From Borough Superintendent Jasper, recommending that the two upper floors of the premises on southeast corner of One hundred and twenty-fifth street and Madison avenue be rented.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

Women, First Assistants, for permission to meet in Public School 6 once a month, between the hours of 4 and 5 o'clock P. M.

Referred to Borough Superintendent Jasper.

From the Superintendent of School Buildings, submitting the names of five persons for nomination to the Board at its meeting on the 20th inst. for appointment as janitors, whose percentages on the list of the Municipal Civil Service Commission are as follows:

George L. Rice, No. 6 Van Nest Place, .	95.60
George Morgan, No. 509 W. 34th street, .	88.50
Charles Brundage, No. 1134 Tinton avenue,	87.80
Oliver M. Peacock, No. 513 E. 173d street,	87.60
John Kneeshaw, No. 507 W. 168th street,	86.50

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that Mr. Wm. H. Young be transferred from his position as Janitor of Public School 144 to a similar position in Public School 4, taking effect on December 26, 1899, and that the matter be reported to the Board for confirmation.

Adopted.

Ordered, That the following-named persons be appointed to positions as Janitors of the respective schools named, said appointments to date from commencement of service, and that the matter be reported to the Board for approval:

John Kneeshaw, ...	P. S. 24
George Morgan, ...	" 144
Oliver M. Peacock, . . .	" 50
John Dunn, ...	" 112

Mr. O'BRIEN moved that the Secretary communicate with the Municipal Civil Service Commission, and notify them that under the by-laws of this Board a person, in order to be eligible for appointment as a janitor, must have been married or attained the age of twenty-five years.

Adopted.

Mr. LIVINGSTON moved that the nomination of George L. Rice be rejected, he not having been a married man.

Adopted.

Inspectors 33d District.—Recommending that premises be rented to relieve P. S. 133 (Fox estate). See reports Minutes, pp. 354 and 385.

Ordered, That said communication be placed on file.

Public School 113.—From the Borough Superintendent, Mr. Jasper, recommending that room 13 be fitted with seats and desks to its seating capacity furniture of the 1A grade.

Referred to Deputy Superintendent Robinson.

From Mr. McMannis, Engineer, fixing the rate of compensation for Janitors of Vacation Schools, Vacation Playgrounds, Night Playgrounds and Outdoor Gymnasium for 1899, viz.:

VACATION SCHOOLS.

P. S.	1,	$7.28 per day.	P. S.	42,	$9.30 per day.
"	2,	5.20 "	"	75,	3.57 "
"	7,	3.00 "	"	92,	4.35 "
"	20,	6.82 "	"	147,	8.25 "
"	34,	3.00 "	"	160,	5.78 "

NIGHT PLAYGROUNDS.

P. S.	1,	$1.25 per night.	P. S.	42,	$1.25 per night.
"	7,	1.08⅓ "	"	147,	1.25 "
"	20,	1.25 "	"	160,	1.25 "

OUTDOOR GYMNASIUMS.

P. S.			P. S.		
5,	145th St.,	$4 per day.	75,	Seward Pk.,	$4 per day.
63,	Crotona Pk.,	4 "	77,	East River Pk.,	4 "
72,	103d St.,	4 "	145,	Claremont Pk.,	4 "

VACATION PLAYGROUNDS.

P. S.	1,	$2.50	per day.	P. S.	92,	$1.66	per day.
"	2,	2.50	"	"	96,	2.50	"
"	7,	2.16	"	"	105,	1.33	"
"	16,	1.83	"	"	106,	1.33	"
"	20,	2.50	"	"	107,	1.33	"
"	27,	1.33	"	"	120,	1.33	"
"	34,	2.16	"	"	121,	1.33	"
"	37,	1.66	"	"	131,	1.33	"
"	41,	1.50	"	"	135,	1.50	"
"	42,	2.50	"	"	137,	2.33	"
"	51,	1.50	"	"	141,	1.33	"
"	57,	2.16	"	"	147,	2.50	"
"	75,	2.00	"	"	151,	2.00	"
"	80,	1.33	"	"	158,	2.50	"
"	82,	1.50	"	"	160,	2.50	"
"	86,	2.50	"				

Approved.

Public School 3.—A delegation of citizens of the Ninth Ward appeared before the Committee and advocated the erection of a new school building for P. S. 3 on its present site.

The Committee informed the delegation that the matter would be taken into consideration when the Board of Education is in possession of the necessary funds.

Messrs. STERNE and ADAMS were excused for non-attendance at this session.

THOMAS E. BUSSEY,
Acting Secretary.